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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

2 **TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019, 9:30 AM**

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WE
6 WANT TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF
7 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY,
8 JANUARY 8TH, 2019. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE. AND WE TAKE
9 NOTE THAT WE HAVE A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD THAT'S
10 PRESENT. AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL,
11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO
12 ASSIST. WE WILL NOW BEGIN WITH OUR INVOCATION AND OUR PLEDGE.
13 OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY PASTOR EMMANUEL
14 OGGS, ANTELOPE VALLEY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST OF SUN VILLAGE,
15 LITTLE ROCK, IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED
16 BY THE PLEDGE LED BY I. DELON PEARSON, SR., THE FORMER SENIOR
17 AIRMAN, UNITED STATE AIR FORCE LANCASTER, ALSO FROM THE FIFTH
18 DISTRICT. LET'S BEGIN WITH THE INVOCATION.

19
20 **EMMANUEL OGGS:** LET US PRAY. OUR SOVEREIGN LORD AND GRACIOUS
21 FATHER FROM WHOM EVERY GOOD THING COMETH AND WHO POURETH OUT
22 ON ALL WHO DESIRE IT THE SPIRIT OF GRACE AND SUPPLICATION,
23 DELIVER US WHEN WE DRAW NIGH TO THEE IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.
24 BLESS THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OUR STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND
25 OUR NATION. GRACIOUS FATHER, GRANT THEM WITH WISDOM,

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1 KNOWLEDGE, AND UNDERSTANDING. IN THIS NEW YEAR, GRANT THEM
2 WITH THE FAVOR. PRESERVE THEIR GOING OUT AND THEIR COMING IN
3 FROM THIS TIME FORTH AND EVEN FOREVER MORE, AMEN.

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5 **I. DELON PEARSON:** THANK YOU COULD EVERYONE PLEASE FACE THE
6 FLAG. AND FOR ALL YOU VETERANS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO RENDER A
7 SALUTE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF
8 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD, IT IS MY HONOR TO THANK
11 ANTELOPE VALLEY CHURCH OF GOD SENIOR PASTOR EMMANUEL OGGS FOR
12 LEADING US IN THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION. PASTOR OGGS WAS BORN
13 IN EL PASO, TEXAS AND GREW UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHERE HIS
14 FATHER WAS PASTOR OF NEW LIFE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST IN
15 ROSEMOND. PASTOR OGGS WAS ORDAINED AN ELDER IN THE CHURCH OF
16 GOD IN CHRIST IN 1978 AND SERVED FOR MANY YEARS AS A YOUTH
17 LEADER IN HIS LOCAL CHURCH ON THE DISTRICT LEVEL AND UP FOR
18 FOUR BISHOPS. PASTOR OGGS CURRENTLY IS A DISTRICT
19 SUPERINTENDENT AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN THE FOURTH
20 ECCLESIASTIC JURISDICTION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST. BESIDES HIS
21 MINISTRY, PASTOR OGGS WORKED FOR ROCKWELL SPACE DIVISION FOR
22 10 YEARS. AFTER THE SPACE SHUTTLE AND B-1 BOMBER PROGRAMS
23 ENDED, HE WAS ABLE TO HELP HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, BISHOP G.L.
24 TALLEY, GOD BLESS HIM, FOUNDER OF ANTELOPE VALLEY CHURCH OF
25 GOD IN CHRIST AND BECAME THE PRINCIPAL OF THE CHURCH DESERT

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1 BLOSSOM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. PASTOR OGGS ALSO VOLUNTEERED AS A
2 CONTRACTOR TO BUILD A NEW FACILITY FOR THE CHURCH MINISTRY,
3 WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN 2005. PASTOR OGGS BECAME SENIOR PASTOR
4 IN 2011. WITH HIS WIFE MARJORIE HE HAS FIVE CHILDREN WHO ARE
5 ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH. PASTOR OGGS, THANK YOU FOR LEADING THE
6 INVOCATION AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. AND I HAVE
7 TO TELL YOU, WITH ALL THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, YOU ARE WHAT IS
8 GREAT ABOUT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU. YEAH, OH
9 YEAH, IT'S TRUE. YOU'RE A GOOD MAN. [APPLAUSE] AND NOW, ALSO
10 FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT, I'M PROUD TO WELCOME I. DELON
11 PEARSON, SR. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING AIRMAN DELON PEARSON
12 SR. FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING.
13 AIRMAN PEARSON PROUDLY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
14 FROM 1984 TO 1988, LAST SERVING AT TINDAL AIR FORCE BASE,
15 FLORIDA. DURING HIS SERVICE, HE RECEIVED THE AIR FORCE GOOD
16 CONDUCT MEDAL AND THE AIR FORCE TRAINING RIBBON. HE RESIDES IN
17 LANCASTER WITH HIS WIFE ROSLYN. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE DISABLED
18 AMERICAN VETERANS AND IS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE -- YEA! WORKING IN
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AS AN ELIGIBILITY
20 WORKER. SENIOR AIRMAN PEARSON, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO
21 OUR NATION AND FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
22 TODAY AND ALSO FOR YOUR SERVICE UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
23 HELPING THE MOST VULNERABLE AT THE OFFICE OF D.P.S.S. MAY GOD
24 BLESS YOU. THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.
25 [APPLAUSE]

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE FIFTH DISTRICT
3 FOR GIVING US TWO WONDERFUL PEOPLE TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE
4 AND THE INVOCATION. NOW, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU
5 CALL THE AGENDA?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
8 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN WITH PAGE 3, SPECIAL
9 DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON PAGE 4, THIS IS THE
11 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-H,
12 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
13 ON PAGE 5, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
14 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 6, CONSENT CALENDAR,
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10. ON ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 4,
16 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
17 ITEMS 6 AND 7, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE
18 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 10, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS
19 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 12, ADMINISTRATIVE
20 MATTERS, ITEMS 11 THROUGH 40. ON ITEM 11, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 29,
22 2019, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 12, THE CHIEF
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
24 APRIL 30TH, 2019, AND SCHEDULED SEMIANNUALLY IN OCTOBER AND
25 APRIL THEREAFTER AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM

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1 13, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
2 ITEM 14, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
3 HELD. ON ITEM 14, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
4 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS
5 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 29TH, 2019, INSTEAD OF
6 JANUARY 22ND, 2019, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
7 ON ITEMS 17 AND 18, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE
8 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 20, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
9 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 29TH, 2019,
10 INSTEAD OF JANUARY 22ND, 2019, AS INDICATED ON THE
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 21 AND 23, A MEMBER OF THE
12 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 29, 30, 32,
13 33, AND 36, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS
14 BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 37 ARE BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
17 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A
18 UNANIMOUS VOTE, SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 26, SEPARATE MATTER, ON ITEM 41,
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK
22 TO JANUARY 15TH, 2019. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
23 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH
24 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND JUST TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW,
2 WE WILL BE GOING IN THE ORDER OF 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF. SO
3 FIRST PRESENTATION, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** Y'ALL CAN COME ON UP. COME ON. YEAH, WE CAN COME
6 UP. WELCOME. NOW IT IS MY PLEASURE TO HONOR SOME OF LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY'S MOST EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, THE RECIPIENTS OF
8 THE ENRICHMENT PLUS AWARDS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
9 COLLABORATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND FAMILY SERVICES
10 TO ESTABLISH THE ENRICHMENT PLUS PROGRAM OVER TWO DECADES AGO
11 TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE HARD WORKING YOUTH IN OUR
12 COUNTY'S CARE. THE PROGRAM HONORS STUDENTS WHO EXCEL IN SCHOOL
13 AND RECOGNIZES THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE AND ACHIEVE THEIR FULL
14 POTENTIAL. IT HAS BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE IT REALLY IS A
15 TEAM EFFORT. ENRICHMENT PLUS UNITES TEACHERS, PARENTS,
16 CAREGIVERS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS TO EQUIP OUR STUDENTS WITH MUCH
17 NEEDED SELF-CONFIDENCE, EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, AND DEDICATED
18 SUPPORT. WITH THE TOOLS THEY LEARN IN SCHOOL, YOUTH ARE
19 INSPIRED TO DREAM, PLAN FOR, AND GAIN OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND
20 A TRADE SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY THEY LOVE, PURSUE A CAREER THAT
21 THEY'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT, AND LIVE FULFILLING, PRODUCTIVE
22 LIVES. NOW I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT THE HONOREES FOR THE FIRST
23 DISTRICT. OUR FIRST BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEE, COLETTE
24 ZACH LYNN, IS A JUNIOR AT LITTLE ROCK HIGH SCHOOL. FOR MOST OF
25 HER LIFE, SHE HAS NEVER RECEIVED A FORMAL EDUCATION BECAUSE

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1 HER FAMILY WAS LIVING OFF THE GRID AND EXPERIENCING
2 HOMELESSNESS. BEATING THE ODDS, COLETTE STARTED SCHOOL IN 2015
3 AND HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY THRIVING EVER SINCE. OPENING HERSELF
4 UP TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES HAS ALLOWED COLETTE TO EXCEL
5 ACADEMICALLY. SHE IS A STRAIGHT A STUDENT. LET'S GIVE HER A
6 ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE] AND IS SUCCEEDING IN
7 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES IN PHYSICS AND STATISTICS. SHE IS
8 NOW EAGER TO ATTEND A UNIVERSITY TO STUDY SCIENCE. THOUGH SHE
9 WAS QUIET MOST OF HER LIFE, BEING A STUDENT HAS ALLOWED HER TO
10 FLOURISH SOCIALLY AND EVEN JOIN HER SCHOOL'S COLOR GUARD TEAM.
11 COLETTE HAS OVERCOME INCREDIBLE ODDS AND IS PROOF THAT
12 DEDICATION AND BRAVERY WILL OPEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS.
13 AND, COLETTE, I WANT YOU TO KNOW WE WILL BE HERE. WE'RE GOING
14 TO GET YOU INTO UNIVERSITY. I PROMISE YOU THAT. YOU'VE GOT THE
15 WEIGHT OF THE BOARD AND AT LEAST I KNOW THE FIFTH DISTRICT
16 BEHIND YOU. YOU ARE GOING TO SUCCEED. CONGRATULATIONS.
17 [APPLAUSE] I'M ALSO EXCITED TO PRESENT BEST ACADEMIC
18 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEE AARON DAVID HOFFMAN, A SENIOR AT VASQUEZ
19 HIGH SCHOOL IN ACTON. THAT'S RIGHT. [APPLAUSE] AARON STANDS
20 OUT, NOT ONLY FOR HIS GRADES, BUT FOR HIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE.
21 IN ADDITION TO MAINTAINING A 4.09 GRADE POINT AVERAGE, HE IS
22 INCREDIBLY RESPECTFUL, TRULY SELF-SUFFICIENT, AND A PASSIONATE
23 LEARNER. A NATURAL LEADER, AARON HELPS HIS YOUNGER SISTER,
24 WHO'S ALSO IN THE COUNTY'S CARE, AS OFTEN AS HE CAN. HE MAKES
25 A POINT TO GET BACK TO HIS COMMUNITY, SERVING AS A VOLUNTEER

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1 AT AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AND AT A LOCAL MECHANIC SHOP. UPON
2 GRADUATION, AARON HOPES TO PURSUE A DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL
3 ENGINEERING AND EVENTUALLY HAVE A FAMILY OF HIS OWN.
4 CONGRATULATIONS. WE'RE PROUD OF YOU. [APPLAUSE] AND LAST BUT
5 BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST, I'M EAGER TO PRESENT OUR AWARDEE FOR
6 THE MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, NEHLIA MAURIA PENA --
7 HOW DO YOU SAY YOUR FIRST NAME? NEHLIA MAURIA PENA, A JUNIOR
8 AT FOCUS POINT ACADEMY IN PASADENA. THAT'S RIGHT. AFTER
9 COMPLICATIONS FOLLOWING HER ADOPTION FROM COLOMBIA A FEW YEARS
10 AGO, SHE ENDED UP IN D.C.F.S.'S CARE. WITH THE LOVE AND
11 SUPPORT AND RESOURCES SHE NEEDED, MENTALLY, EDUCATIONALLY, AND
12 EMOTIONALLY, SHE HAS SHOWN IMMENSE IMPROVEMENT AT HOME AND IN
13 SCHOOL. THOUGH KEEPING HER GRADES UP USED TO BE A CHALLENGE,
14 SHE IS NOW PASSING ALL OF HER CLASSES, MANY OF THEM WITH A.S.
15 NOW, THAT DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] SHE HAS
16 ALSO EARNED A COMMUNITY PASS ON WEEKENDS TO ALLOW HER TO WORK
17 ON COMMUNITY AND INDEPENDENT LIFE SKILLS. D.C.F.S. ALSO
18 SELECTED HER BECAUSE -- AS ONE OF THE TOP 10 GIRLS FOR THE
19 2018 QUINCEANERA EVENT WHERE PARTICIPANTS REHEARSED IN
20 PREPARATION FOR A QUINCEANERA OF THEIR OWN WHILE MAKING
21 MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS AND FRIENDSHIPS IN THE PROCESS.
22 CONGRATULATIONS FOR THAT. IN CLASS AND IN HER SOCIAL LIFE, SHE
23 HAS TRULY BLOSSOMED. I AM DEEPLY INSPIRED BY ALL OF THESE
24 YOUTH. AND I AM SO EXCITED TO SEE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU
25 THRIVE. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT, IN DOING OUR JOB, THIS IS

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1 WHY WE DO IT. AND WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING IS GOING TO MAKE A
2 DIFFERENCE. YOU HAVE A FAMILY BEHIND YOU. AND IT'S THE COUNTY
3 FAMILY, WHICH I WOULD ARGUE IS PROBABLY MORE FIERCE THAN ANY
4 FAMILY OUT THERE. SO WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOU AND LIFT YOU
5 EACH AND EVERY DAY. AND KNOW THAT WE ARE HERE FOR YOU. SO
6 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE] I WILL TURN IT OVER TO THE FOURTH
7 DISTRICT WHO WILL ALSO INTRODUCE SOME AMAZING YOUNG PEOPLE.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I AM VERY PLEASE TO RECOGNIZE
10 LISBETH HERNANDES FOR WINNING THE MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC
11 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR THE FOURTH DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES. LISBETH IS RECEIVING THIS AWARD FOR OVERCOMING MANY
13 CHALLENGES. AND YET, SHE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE HER GRADES EVERY
14 SINGLE YEAR. SHE'S CURRENTLY A SENIOR AT WARREN HIGH SCHOOL IN
15 THE CITY OF DOWNEY AND IS ACHIEVING A.S IN ALL OF HER ACADEMIC
16 CLASSES. I WAS A C STUDENT MYSELF. SO, I CAN'T RELATE. NOT
17 ONLY DOES SHE MAKE HER GRADES A PRIORITY, SHE IS ALSO VERY
18 CONSCIOUS ABOUT HER HEALTH. SHE SPENDS MUCH OF HER TIME
19 WORKING OUT WITH HER FOSTER SIBLINGS AND HER FRIENDS. AND WHEN
20 SHE'S NOT FOCUSING ON HER GRADES OR HITTING THE GYM, LISBETH
21 ENJOYS LISTENING TO MUSIC, READING, AND SPENDING TIME WITH
22 FRIENDS AND FAMILY. LISBETH IS IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR
23 FOUR YEAR COLLEGES AND HOPES TO ONE DAY WORK WITH FOSTER
24 CHILDREN. SHE'S KIND, FUTURE-ORIENTED, AND MOTIVATED TO
25 CONTINUE TO DO WELL ACADEMICALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. AND I

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1 THINK WE ALL HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU WILL ACHIEVE ALL OF YOUR
2 GOALS AND YOUR DREAMS. LISBETH, CONGRATULATIONS. KEEP UP THE
3 GOOD WORK. YOU HAVE SUPPORTERS IN ALL OF US. [APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND NOW FOR THE MIGHTY THIRD, I'M VERY, VERY
6 PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS YEAR'S AWARD FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT
7 ENRICHMENT PLUS AWARD TO FIFTEEN YEAR OLD TIMOTHY MORRIS,
8 TENTH GRADER AT CESAR CHAVEZ LEARNING ACADEMY. GIVE HIM A BIG
9 HAND, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE] TIMOTHY IS MAINTAINING A HIGH G.P.A.
10 HE'S A MEMBER OF HIS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND AN ACTIVE
11 MEMBER OF HIS CHURCH. IN ADDITION, HE'S VERY GENEROUS WITH HIS
12 TIME. HE VOLUNTEERS FREQUENTLY. AND HE WAS HONORED WITH THE
13 CESAR CHAVEZ VOLUNTEER AWARD FOR ALL THE WORK HE'S DONE IN
14 COMMUNITY SERVICE. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING TIMOTHY
15 MORRIS. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MORNING, ONE AND ALL. I'M DELIGHTED TO
18 PRESENT AND WELCOME OUR SECOND DISTRICT AWARDEE, SUMAJI MEEKS.
19 GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU, PLEASE? [APPLAUSE]
20 SUMAJI IS AN 11TH GRADER AT CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL. HE'S
21 DESCRIBED AS AN EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG MAN WITH A POSITIVE OUTLOOK,
22 EXTREME RESILIENCE, AND A STRONG COMMITMENT TOWARDS COMPLETING
23 HIS GOALS, THAT IS TO ATTEND COLLEGE AND TO BE A SCHOLAR
24 ATHLETE. HE RECOGNIZED THAT IN ORDER TO MAKE HIS GOAL A
25 REALITY, IT WILL REQUIRE DISCIPLINE AND A COMMITMENT TO BEING

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1 HIS BEST ON AND OFF THE FIELD. AND SO OVER THIS PAST YEAR,
2 SUMAJI HAS SHOWN TREMENDOUS DEDICATION TOWARD HIS GOALS. HE
3 HAS WORKED RELENTLESSLY TO IMPROVE HIS GRADES IN SCHOOL AND TO
4 DEMONSTRATE HIS TALENTS ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD. HE HAS MANAGED
5 TO IMPROVE HIS ATTENDANCE AND MAINTAIN ALL A'S AND B'S. AND HE
6 DID IT WHILE PLAYING TWO SPORTS, THAT'S BASKETBALL AND
7 FOOTBALL. THAT DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE RIGHT THERE.

8 [APPLAUSE] SO TODAY, WE CELEBRATE HIM WITH AN ENRICHMENT PLUS
9 AWARD FOR THE MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. AND WE WISH
10 TO SAY TO HIM THE VERY BEST AS HE WORKS TOWARDS EARNING HIS
11 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND ATTENDING COLLEGE. THAT'S NOT SIMPLY
12 GETTING INTO COLLEGE, BUT GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE, AS WELL.
13 CONGRATULATIONS, SUMAJI. WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST, AND WE GOT
14 YOUR BACK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** GOOD MORNING. AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE. IT'S
17 A PLEASURE TO BE HERE THIS MORNING TO HELP PRESENT OUR
18 ENRICHMENT PLUS AWARDEE REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT BEST
19 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TO MISS KAYLA LOPEZ. CONGRATULATIONS,
20 KAYLA. [APPLAUSE] KAYLA IS CURRENTLY A 12TH GRADE STUDENT
21 ATTENDING GANESHA HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF POMONA.
22 THROUGHOUT HER HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, KAYLA FACED MULTIPLE LIFE
23 CHALLENGES THAT COULD HAVE EASILY DETERRED HER AWAY FROM HER
24 ACADEMIC STUDIES. INSTEAD, WHAT SHE DID WAS SHE IMMERSSED
25 HERSELF IN HER ACADEMICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. KAYLA

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1 LOVES GANESHA HIGH SCHOOL. BUT DESPITE BEST EFFORTS AND
2 CIRCUMSTANCES OUT OF HER CONTROL, SHE HAD TO MOVE TO THE CITY
3 OF ORANGE, WHICH IS SOME GOOD, MAYBE 20, MAYBE MORE, MILES
4 AWAY. BUT BECAUSE SHE'S SO COMMITTED TO HER STUDIES AND TO THE
5 PEOPLE THAT SHE WORKS WITH AND LOVES IN POMONA AND GANESHA,
6 SHE WAS TESTED. AND SHE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO TAKE CONTROL OF
7 THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND DO HER VERY BEST. WHILE SHE HAD TO MOVE
8 TO THE CITY OF ORANGE, SHE CONTINUED HER UNWAVERING COMMITMENT
9 AND DETERMINATION TO REMAIN A STUDENT AT GANESHA HIGH SCHOOL
10 IN POMONA. SHE WAS MOTIVATED TO TAKE THE BUS, NOT ONE BUS,
11 SEVERAL BUSES, FROM THE CITY OF ORANGE TO GANESHA HIGH SCHOOL.
12 THIS REQUIRED GETTING UP AT 4 A.M. IN THE MORNING TO TAKE FOUR
13 BUSES TO SCHOOL WHILE HAULING A HEAVY BACKPACK, DANCE TEAM
14 SUPPLIES, AND OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS. SHE THEN HAD TO MAKE THE
15 THREE-HOUR TRIP BACK AFTER A LONG DAY AT SCHOOL. IN ADDITION
16 TO PARTICIPATION IN RIGOROUS ACADEMIC CLASSES, KAYLA
17 PARTICIPATED IN AUXILIARY AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
18 DEALING WITH DANCE, FLAGS, THE BAND, AND THE SCHOOL DANCE
19 TEAMS. KAYLA NOW RESIDES WITH A NON-RELATED EXTENDED FAMILY
20 MEMBER IN THE CITY OF POMONA WHO SUPPORTS HER ACADEMIC AND ALL
21 OF HER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. KAYLA WILL SOON BE
22 ATTENDING MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE IN WALNUT AND PLANS TO
23 THEN TRANSFER ON TO A FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY TO PURSUE A DEGREE
24 IN BUSINESS. WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE PEOPLE LIKE HER GIVE GOOD

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1 EXAMPLE TO SO MANY OTHER YOUTH. CONGRATULATIONS, KAYLA,
2 [APPLAUSE] AND TO YOUR FAMILY.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GROUP PHOTO. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** AND WHILE THEY'RE WALKING AWAY, I JUST WANT TO
7 ACKNOWLEDGE THE SOCIAL WORKERS OUT THERE AND GIVE THEM A BIG
8 ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR BEING HERE AND SUPPORTING EVERYBODY.
9 [APPLAUSE] OKAY. WE HAVE NO KITTY TODAY. BUT WE DO HAVE
10 SKIPPY. SKIPPY IS A CAVALIER SPANIEL MIX, TWO YEARS OLD, MALE,
11 AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE DOWNEY SHELTER, 562-728-4610.
12 AND TO GET A DOG LIKE THIS AT OUR SHELTER IS VERY UNUSUAL.
13 THESE ARE VERY EXCLUSIVE DOGS. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO
14 TO THE SHELTER AND ADOPT AND GIVE SKIPPY A FOREVER HOME.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR AND SKIPPY. SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS, YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION. YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT IN THE
18 WELL? OKAY. INTO THE WELL.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO THIS IS ANOTHER EXCITING PRESENTATION. YOU
21 KNOW, OVER THE HOLIDAYS, I HAD A CHANCE TO VISIT WITH SOME OF
22 OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OUT IN EL MONTE AT THE MACLAREN HALL
23 FACILITY. AND ANNUALLY, THERE IS AN EVENT THAT IS PUT
24 TOGETHER, A HOLIDAY EVENT, FOR THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF
25 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES, MANY OF THEM ARE CHILDREN IN OUR

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1 CARE. AND I WAS SO IMPRESSED TO SEE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS,
2 KNOWN AS THE BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE. THIS WAS THE SECOND
3 TIME I HAD SEEN THEM. AND I WAS QUITE AMAZED. AND I WASN'T
4 FEARFUL BECAUSE THEY WERE COMING IN WITH THEIR HARLEYS. AND
5 THEY WERE REVVING THEIR MOTORS, BUT THEY WERE BRINGING CHEER
6 TO ALL THESE CHILDREN AND TO THESE FAMILIES. AND THEY'VE BEEN
7 DOING IT FOR SOME TIME. AND AS YOU MAY NOTE, THE MEMBERS OF
8 THE BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE GOES BY VARIOUS NICKNAMES. I
9 MET MEMBERS OF BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, OR B.A.C.A., AS
10 THEY'RE KNOWN, AS THEY'RE COMMONLY REFERRED TO, AT A RECENT
11 EVENT, AS I JUST MENTIONED, AT THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON
12 CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. B.A.C.A. IS AN INTERNATIONALLY
13 RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROVIDING AID, COMFORT,
14 SAFETY, AND SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY,
15 PHYSICALLY, AND EMOTIONALLY ABUSED. OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS,
16 B.A.C.A. HAS GROWN CONSIDERABLY. THEY ARE NOW IN 47 STATES AND
17 IN 17 COUNTRIES. AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS REACH OUT TO
18 B.A.C.A. IF THEY FEEL FRIGHTENED OR UNSAFE IN THEIR
19 ENVIRONMENT. AFTER SEVERAL STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE
20 APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES ARE HANDLING THE CHILD'S CASE,
21 B.A.C.A. MAKES CONTACT WITH CHILD'S GUARDIANS. AND THEY
22 ORGANIZE A RIDE. WHEN MEMBERS OF THE B.A.C.A. ARRIVE TO MEET
23 THE CHILD, THEY GIVE THEM A VEST WITH THE B.A.C.A. PATCH AS A
24 SIGN THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE AND THAT B.A.C.A. IS THERE TO
25 SUPPORT THEM. BEFORE THEY LEAVE, B.A.C.A. PROVIDES THE CHILD

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1 WITH THE NUMBER OF TWO B.A.C.A. MEMBERS WHO ARE IN CLOSE
2 PROXIMITY SHOULD THEY NEED ANYTHING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ALL
3 B.A.C.A. MEMBER APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT TO AND PASS A FEDERAL
4 FINGERPRINT BACKGROUND CHECK, ATTEND B.A.C.A. MEETINGS AND
5 EVENTS DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR, AND MUST BE UNANIMOUSLY
6 APPROVED WORTHY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MEMBERS OF B.A.C.A.
7 SUPPORT OUR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AT THEIR COURT AND/OR PAROLE
8 HEARINGS. THEY PROVIDE AN ESCORT IF THEY FEEL UNSAFE, AND
9 ULTIMATELY SHOW THE CHILDREN THAT THEY HAVE A VOICE AND POWER
10 OVER THEIR LIVES. I WAS SO MOVED AND TOUCHED BY WHAT THEY WERE
11 DOING THAT DAY AND WHAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING FOR MANY YEARS. AND
12 I THOUGHT IT WAS WORTHWHILE FOR THE PUBLIC HERE IN LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY TO RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND THE ROLE THAT THEY PLAY IN
14 OUR SOCIETY. SO I WANT TO THANK OUR STATE PRESIDENT, TINY, AND
15 THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR, ARTISS, TO
16 SAY A FEW WORDS AT THIS TIME.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS. IT'S WONDERFUL. WE'RE A
19 VERY DEDICATED ORGANIZATION. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
20 WITH YOU AND ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS AND ALL OF THE
21 ORGANIZATIONS OUT THERE TO CONTINUE THE WORK THAT WE DO. THANK
22 YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, I BELIEVE YOU'RE UP.
25 MARK?

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I'M DELIGHTED
3 TODAY TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR GARY SMITH, THE LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY FILM LIAISON. WE DO THIS FOR HIS DEDICATION TO
5 THE CHARGE OF MANAGING THE COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE
6 CREATIVE ECONOMY AND THE FILM INDUSTRY. THE CREATIVE ECONOMY
7 IS A VITAL ELEMENT OF OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY, AS WE'VE BEEN
8 LEARNING OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS THROUGH INITIATIVES FROM
9 BOARD MEMBERS, BOTH SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MYSELF AND OTHERS
10 COLLABORATING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AS WELL, TO SAY THE ARTS
11 MATTER. AND WE CERTAINLY SEE FILM AS A PART OF THAT EFFORT.
12 SPECIFICALLY, IT PROVIDES NEARLY 800,000 JOBS. IT IS
13 RESPONSIBLE FOR GENERATING \$198 BILLION IN CAPITAL, THAT IS
14 ECONOMIC OUTPUT, WITH 9 BILLION IN TAX REVENUES. SO PERHAPS IN
15 THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT, THERE'S NO RECIPIENT MORE WORTHY OF
16 THE 2018 COUNTY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED BY
17 THE FILM LIAISONS IN CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE, THAT'S COMMONLY
18 KNOWN AS F.L.I.C.S., THAN THE ONE AND ONLY GARY SMITH. GIVE
19 HIM ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE]
20 F.L.I.C.S. RECOGNIZES INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT IN
21 THEIR DEPENDABILITY AND FOLLOW THROUGH, SUCH AS PROVIDING
22 ACCESS TO FILMING SITES, OFFERING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, AND
23 ENSURING THAT THERE ARE QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE
24 COUNTY AND THE MANY PRODUCTION COMPANIES WORKING WITHIN THE
25 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. GARY SMITH WAS NOMINATED BY FILM L.A. AND

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1 THE C.B.S. SHOW "STRANGE ANGEL." AND THIS MILESTONE IS AN
2 EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENT AND MARKS A SIGNIFICANT EXAMPLE
3 OF HOW THE COUNTY HAS BECOME A RESPECTED PARTNER IN THE
4 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY. AND REPRESENTING F.L.I.C.S. TODAY,
5 WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE SEVERAL PERSONS, THE EXECUTIVE
6 DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA FILM COMMISSION, AMY'S HERE. THE
7 PRESIDENT OF FILM L.A., PAUL, IS HERE. THE VICE PRESIDENT OF
8 THE PERMIT ORGANIZATION -- THE PERMIT OPERATIONS FOR FILM
9 L.A., DONNA'S HERE. GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE,
10 WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE] WE'RE ALSO JOINED BY OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE
11 OFFICER, SACHI HAMAI, AND DOUG BARON, WHO MANAGES THE LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. AND SO, GARY, ON
13 BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE OVER 10
14 MILLION RESIDENTS THAT WE COLLECTIVELY REPRESENT, WE WANT TO
15 SAY THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FURTHER OUR GOAL, THAT IS OUR
16 COLLECTIVE GOAL, OF MAKING AN IMPACT ON THE CREATIVE ECONOMY
17 THROUGH JOB CREATION AND ARTISTIC EXPRESSION. AND
18 CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING F.L.I.C.S.' PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OF
19 THE YEAR AWARD. THAT'S A BIG DEAL ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, AND
20 THEREFORE WE WANT TO HAVE A FEW MORE VOICES WEIGH IN. WE'RE
21 GOING ASK SACHI TO COME FORTH AND AMY TO COME FORTH, AND THEN,
22 GARY, WE'LL HAVE YOU BRING UP THE REAR AND GIVE NICE
23 BENEDICTORY REMARKS. SACHI. [APPLAUSE]
24

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1 C.E.O. HAMAI:, WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. FOR THE LAST
2 SEVERAL YEARS, MY OFFICE, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DOUG BARON,
3 HAS BEEN INCREASING ITS EFFORTS AROUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
4 AND TARGETING ITS RESOURCES TOWARDS INDUSTRIES THAT PROVIDE
5 UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGION. THE CREATIVE ECONOMY, AS
6 THE SUPERVISOR INDICATED, AND IN PARTICULAR THE FILM AND
7 DIGITAL MEDIA, IS ONE SUCH INDUSTRY. IN FACT, THE COUNTY
8 ITSELF IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN MOVIE/ TELEVISION
9 PRODUCTION. AND AS WE SERVE -- AND WE SERVE AS THE PERMITTING
10 AUTHORITY FOR ALL OF OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. WHENEVER
11 THERE'S A ROAD CLOSURE, SPECIAL EFFECTS PERMIT, PARKING
12 ACCOMMODATION, OR USE OF A COUNTY ASSET FOR FILMING, OUR
13 DEPARTMENTS ARE THERE TO ENSURE A SAFE AND EFFICIENT
14 PRODUCTION. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO
15 HELP KEEP FILMING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND TO FOSTER THE MANY
16 JOB OPPORTUNITIES THAT GO ALONG WITH THIS ACTIVITY. I STRONGLY
17 SUPPORT THE ROLE MY STAFF HAS TAKEN IN THIS EFFORT AND WAS
18 PROUD TO LEARN THAT GARY HAD BEEN HONORED AS THIS YEAR'S
19 COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AT THE CALIFORNIA ON LOCATION
20 AWARDS. [APPLAUSE] GARY ABSOLUTELY EXEMPLIFIES THE STRONG
21 CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITMENT WE HAVE TO THIS INDUSTRY. SO, FROM
22 ALL OF US AT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, GARY, CONGRATULATIONS. YOU
23 MAKE US PROUD. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]
24

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1 **AMY LEMISCH:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO
2 PARTICIPATE THIS MORNING. I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE FOR THIS
3 HONOR FOR GARY SMITH. I'M AMY LEMISCH, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
4 OF THE CALIFORNIA FILM COMMISSION. WE'RE A DEPARTMENT WITHIN
5 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MY
6 ORGANIZATION WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH THE FILM LIAISONS IN
7 CALIFORNIA, ALSO KNOWN AS F.L.I.C.S., WHICH IS THE ENTITY THAT
8 REPRESENTS FILM OFFICES ACROSS THE STATE. AND THEY PRODUCE THE
9 CALIFORNIA ON LOCATION AWARDS FOR 24 YEARS RUNNING. ONE OF THE
10 CATEGORIES IS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. AND THE AWARDS SALUTE
11 LOCATION PROFESSIONALS, PRODUCTION COMPANIES, AND PUBLIC
12 EMPLOYEES WORKING ACROSS THE STATE TO FACILITATE FILMING.
13 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ARE VERY IMPORTANT PARTNERS TO FILM OFFICES
14 AND PRODUCTION COMPANIES ALIKE. THEY PROVIDE VALUABLE
15 ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE REALLY RELY
16 ON THEIR ASSISTANCE. WE'D BE POWERLESS WITHOUT THEM. WE WORK
17 CLOSELY WITH MR. SMITH, WITH THE COUNTY, WITH FILM L.A., ON
18 ISSUES THAT AFFECT ACCESS TO FILMING THROUGHOUT THE REGION.
19 I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE IN RECOGNITION OF THIS WELL DESERVED
20 HONOR. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **GARY SMITH:** I WROTE IT DOWN. SO LET ME. SO I JUST FIRST WANT
23 TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS
24 HONOR. IT'S REALLY QUITE AMAZING. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL
25 THE SUPERVISORS. YOUR OFFICE, YOUR STAFFS, HAVE BEEN STEADFAST

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1 IN SUPPORTING OUR WORK. YOU KNOW, WE DEAL WITH A LOT OF
2 CONSTITUENT COMMUNITIES. I JUST CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT YOUR
3 STAFFS. ALL OF THEM, THEY GET IT. THEY GET THE ECONOMIC IMPACT
4 OF THE FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA INDUSTRY. WE'VE GOT A BUNCH OF
5 DIFFERENT INITIATIVES IN EACH BOARD OFFICE WE'RE WORKING ON
6 SPECIFIC TO THE INDUSTRY, SO IT'S REALLY BEEN A DELIGHT. AND
7 IT'S BEEN, YOU KNOW, LIKE A BIG TEAM. SO I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
8 EACH OF YOU AND YOUR STAFFS VERY MUCH FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE]
9 YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. AND I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK AMY AND SACHI
10 FOR YOUR KIND WORDS. I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. AMY HAS BEEN,
11 YOU KNOW, A GREAT HELP IN GETTING US UP TO SPEED IN
12 UNDERSTANDING HOW THE INDUSTRY WORKS. AND I ALSO WANT TO
13 ACKNOWLEDGE PAUL AUDLEY AND DONNA WASHINGTON VERY MUCH. SO
14 FILM L.A., THESE TWO HAVE BEEN MY MENTORS. THEY HAVE BEEN MY
15 SOUND BOARD. THEY'VE HELPED WITH COMMUNITIES. THEY'VE REALLY
16 BEEN -- TAKE MY CALL EVERY DAY, ALL THE MEETINGS I CONVENE,
17 ALL THE COMMUNITY MEETINGS DRIVING TO AGUA DULCE, AND ACTON,
18 AND SANTA CLARITA, I MEAN YOU'VE REALLY BEEN -- SAN PEDRO,
19 ABSOLUTELY. REALLY JUST BEEN REALLY YOU'RE PART OF THE COUNTY
20 TEAM. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU. SO I WANTED TO DEFINITELY
21 ACKNOWLEDGE BOTH OF YOU. AND ALSO I WANTED TO JUST TAKE A
22 MOMENT TO REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE FILM LIAISONS IN EACH
23 OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. ALTHOUGH THIS AWARD IS COMING TO
24 OUR OFFICE, IT IS ABSOLUTELY A COUNTY TEAM. EVERY DEPARTMENT
25 HAS A FILM LIAISON. THEY ALL WORK REALLY HARD. YOU KNOW, AS

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1 AMY SAID, THEY'RE APPROVING PERMITS. THEY'RE REVIEWING
2 PERMITS. THEY'RE INTERVENING. THEY'RE GOING OUT ON SITE
3 VISITS. SO, YES, THIS AWARD HAS COME TO OUR OFFICE, BUT IT'S
4 ABSOLUTELY A PART OF OUR OVERALL COUNTY FILM LIAISON TEAM. WE
5 MEET QUARTERLY. I JUST REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT WAS
6 HEARD AND ON THE RECORD BECAUSE THEY'RE AMAZING, ALL OF THEM.
7 AND LAST, I CERTAINLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE MY BOSS, DOUG BARON.
8 IT'S UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO
9 MAKE THE COUNTY FAR MORE FILM FRIENDLY THAN IT HAS IN THE
10 PAST. IT'S BECAUSE OF DOUG'S SUPPORT THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO
11 BREAK THROUGH BUREAUCRATIC LAYERS WHERE WE CAN HAVE THE
12 SUPPORT TO CALL UP A DEPARTMENT WHO MAY BE SLOW IN THEIR
13 REVIEWING OF A PERMIT AND BREAK RIGHT THROUGH IT. WE'VE SAVED
14 A FEW PRODUCTIONS. WE WORKED CLOSELY WITH BOSCH AND SAN PEDRO
15 COURTHOUSE. WE LOVE THE COURTHOUSE, BY THE WAY. SO THEY'RE
16 CALLING ME ALREADY PLANNING FOR THE NEXT. YOU KNOW, WE HAD A
17 LOCATION IN AGUA DULCE AIRPORT, FERRARI VERSUS FORD. AND IT
18 WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF SAVING THAT PRODUCTION FROM MILLIONS OF
19 DOLLARS LOST IN DELAYS. SO, AGAIN, DOUG HAS BEEN THERE THROUGH
20 IT ALL. HE'S BEEN SUPPORTIVE, AND I JUST REALLY WANT TO THANK
21 HIM FOR THAT. SO OVERALL, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. WE
22 HAVE A LOT MORE WORK TO DO. WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT'S
23 AHEAD, MAKING THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO BE MORE FILM FRIENDLY.
24 AND SO THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR, FOR THIS PHENOMENAL
25 RECOGNITION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M GOING TO ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE
3 BOARD JOIN US IN ACKNOWLEDGING THIS REALLY RATHER EXCEPTIONAL
4 ACCOMPLISHMENT FROM FILM LIAISONS IN CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE,
5 BETTER KNOWN AS F.L.I.C.S. SO IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO
6 JOIN US IN GIVING GARY ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T
7 YOU? [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR
10 PRESENTATIONS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE CODE
11 OF CONDUCT.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
14 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
16 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
17 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
18 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
19 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
20 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
21 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
22 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
23 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
24 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
25 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT

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1 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
2 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
3 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
4 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
5 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
6 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
7 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
8 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
9 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS AND
10 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
11 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
12 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
13 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR
14 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
15 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
16 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
17 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY
20 ITEMS THAT ARE HELD BY THE SUPERVISORS, SO AT THIS TIME, IT
21 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
22 HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT
23 HELD BY THE SUPERVISORS.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
2 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? KATHLEEN WARNER, REBECA
3 ARVIZU, MARLA TAUSCHER REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM
4 2. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
5 ON ITEMS 1-H, 3, 13, 17, AND 29. JOSEPH MAIZLISH REQUESTED TO
6 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 6 AND 23 ERIC PREVEN HAS REQUESTED
7 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 14, 18, 21, 29,
8 30, 32, 33, 36. AND HERMAN HERMAN REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
9 BOARD ON ITEMS 1-H, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21,
10 23, 29, 30, 32, 33, AND 36.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FIRST SPEAKER GO AHEAD.

13

14 **KATHY DARNELL WARNER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS KATHY DARNELL WARNER.
15 THE WOOLSEY FIRE WAS A CATASTROPHIC EVENT. MANY PEOPLE LOST
16 EVERYTHING, AT LEAST 60 CATS, BY SOME ACCOUNTS POSSIBLY MANY
17 MORE. IT WAS NOT ONLY CATASTROPHIC BUT A HORRIFIC LIFE ENDING
18 EVENT FOR THEM. THEY WERE BURNED ALIVE AS THE FIRE RAGED INTO
19 THEIR ENCLOSURE AND THEY WERE UNABLE TO ESCAPE THE APPROACHING
20 FLAMES. THESE CATS WERE FAILED MISERABLY BY TWO ENTITIES THAT
21 WERE MEANT TO PROTECT THEM, THE RESCUE, AND DEPARTMENT OF
22 ANIMAL CONTROL. THE OWNERS ADMITTED IN A SACRAMENTO BEE
23 ARTICLE THAT THEY HAD ABOUT 100 CATS, AND THAT THEY GOT OUT
24 APPROXIMATELY 40, THEREFORE LEAVING THE REMAINING 60 CATS OR
25 POSSIBLY MANY MORE BEHIND TO DIE AN UNIMAGINABLE AND HORRIFIC

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1 DEATHS. AT THE TIME, THEY WERE LICENSED FOR FORTY-FIVE CATS
2 ONLY. AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE, THEY WERE OPERATING UNLICENSED
3 SINCE JUNE OF 2018 AND WERE NEVER REINSPECTED BY THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL. L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL
5 CONTROL ALSO FAILED THESE POOR CATS. EVEN THOUGH THIS RESCUE
6 HAD BEEN IN OPERATION IN L.A. COUNTY FOR MANY YEARS FOR THE
7 RECORDS, THEY WERE ONLY INITIALLY LICENSED IN JUNE OF 2017.
8 AND THIS LICENSE EXPIRED JUNE 7, 2018. ACCORDING TO ANIMAL
9 CONTROL'S OWN POLICY AND PROCEDURES, A FACILITY RE-INSPECTION
10 IS TO BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN OCTOBER 15 AND DECEMBER 30TH OF
11 EACH CALENDAR YEAR. SO AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE, AND BECAUSE OF
12 ANIMAL CONTROL'S INACTION, THIS FACILITY WAS ALLOWED TO
13 CONTINUE TO OPERATE WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSE WITH MORE THAN
14 TWICE THE AMOUNT OF CATS THEY WERE ORIGINALLY LICENSED TO
15 HAVE. AND THEY WENT FOR OVER 1-1/2 YEARS WITHOUT UNDERGOING
16 THE REQUIRED FACILITY RE-INSPECTIONS PRIOR TO THE WOOLSEY
17 FIRE. THEREFORE, ANIMAL CONTROL BEARS A SIGNIFICANT PART OF
18 THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HORRIFIC DEATH OF THESE CATS. THESE
19 PICTURES ARE HARD TO SEE. BUT THEY SHOW THE BODIES OF SOME OF
20 THE BURNED CATS SKELETAL REMAINS, SOME WITH THEIR PAUSE
21 REACHING OUT AT THE ENCLOSURE UNABLE TO REACH THE OUTSIDE.
22 RECENTLY, A LOCAL TELEVISION STATION DID AN INVESTIGATIVE
23 REPORT SHOWING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS SLEEPING ON THE JOB,
24 HOLDING GARAGE SALES, ET CETERA. WE THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT

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1 A TRULY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION BE DONE OF THE ENTIRE
2 OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT TO OUR
5 ATTENTION. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **REBECA ARVIZU:** MY NAME IS REBECA ARVIZU. AND I LIVE IN AGOURA
8 HILLS. I'M ONE OF THE THREE PLAINTIFFS IN THE 2007 LAWSUIT
9 WINN V. MARCIA MAYEDA AND L.A. ANIMAL CONTROL. MARCIA MAYEDA
10 IS TOO INCOMPETENT TO ASSUME THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. MAYEDA
11 BREACHED HER CURRENT OBLIGATIONS TO L.A. COUNTY AND CITY OF
12 MALIBU TAXPAYERS BY FAILING TO COLLECT KENNEL LICENSE RENEWAL
13 FEES AND FAILING TO PERFORM ANNUAL KENNEL INSPECTIONS,
14 RESULTING IN AT LEAST 60 CATS INJURED OR BURNING TO DEATH IN
15 THE WOOLSEY FIRE AT SPUNKY'S RANCH. SPUNKY'S KENNEL LICENSE
16 WAS FOR A MAXIMUM OF 45 CATS, EXPIRED IN JUNE 2018, OVER FOUR
17 MONTHS BEFORE THE FIRE, WITH NO FOLLOW-UP INSPECTIONS AS
18 REQUIRED BY COUNTY ORDINANCE AND THE DEPARTMENT'S OWN
19 POLICIES. A CO-OWNER OF SPUNKY'S ADMITTED TO THE SACRAMENTO
20 BEE THAT THEY HAD OVER 100 CATS. MAYEDA'S FAILURE TO COUNTY
21 AND CONTRACT CITY TAXPAYERS EXPENSE RESULTED IN THE NEEDLESS
22 SUFFERING AND AGONIZING DEATH OF ANIMALS IN HER JURISDICTION,
23 EVEN WITH HER HUGE BUDGET OF OVER \$47 MILLION, ALMOST 10 TIMES
24 THE \$5.6 MILLION THE COUNTY CURRENTLY ALLOCATES FOR EMERGENCY
25 RESPONSE SERVICES. FURTHER, TAXPAYERS DO NOT TRUST ANIMAL

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1 CONTROL UNDER MAYEDA'S LEADERSHIP. WE SHOULD FEEL SAFE TO CALL
2 ANIMAL CONTROL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, BUT WE DON'T. ANIMALS
3 SUFFER AND DIE AT MAYEDA'S POUNDS DUE TO THE HORRIBLE
4 CONDITIONS, OR THEY ARE KILLED. THE BOARD NEEDS TO CLEAN HOUSE
5 AT ANIMAL CONTROL SIMILAR TO WHAT SHERIFF VILLANUEVA IS DOING.
6 WE THE PEOPLE ARE SICK AND TIRED OF BEING SICK AND TIRED OF
7 THE INCOMPETENT MARCIA MAYEDA.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
10 PLEASE.

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12 **MARLA TAUSCHER:** MY NAME IS MARLA TAUSCHER. I'M AN ATTORNEY
13 PRACTICING PRIMARILY IN THE AREA OF ANIMAL CONTROL AND ANIMAL
14 SHELTER LAW. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I CAN'T THINK OF A
15 MORE HORRIFIC WAY TO DIE THAN BURNING ALIVE. I CAN'T THINK OF
16 ANYTHING MORE TORTUROUS OR PAINFUL OR FRIGHTENING. THIS WAS
17 100 PERCENT AVOIDABLE. THESE PEOPLE, MARY DEE RICKARDS AND HER
18 HUSBAND, WENDELL PHILLIPS, ARE BOTH ATTORNEYS. THEY KNOW THAT
19 THEY NEEDED TO HAVE PROPER KENNEL PERMITS TO RUN THIS SO-
20 CALLED RESCUE. IT'S NOT RESCUE WHEN YOU LEAVE ANIMALS, YOU
21 ABANDON THEM TO DIE. THAT'S NOT RESCUE. THAT IS TEXTBOOK
22 ANIMAL CRUELTY. THESE PEOPLE NEED TO BE PROSECUTED FOR FELONY
23 ANIMAL CRUELTY. I'VE HAD CLIENTS PROSECUTED FOR A LOT LESS
24 THAN THIS. BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO FOLLOW
25 THROUGH AND DO IT BECAUSE I THINK IT IMPLICATES THE COUNTY AND

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1 THEIR FAILURE, ANIMAL CONTROL'S FAILURE, TO DO ANY OF THE
2 REQUIRED INSPECTIONS AT THIS FACILITY. THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE
3 PROPER PERMITS. WHEN THEY DID HAVE A PERMIT FOR ONE YEAR, THEY
4 WERE, AS MY COLLEAGUES SAID, WELL OVER TWICE THE NUMBER OF
5 CATS THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE. THEY WERE ALLOWED TO HAVE 45.
6 THEY HAD WELL OVER 100. THAT'S THE NET RESULT. THERE'S A
7 REASON FOR ANIMAL LIMITS. I'M USUALLY NOT A BIG FAN OF THEM.
8 BUT THESE PEOPLE WERE WAY OVER. THEY HAD NO PLAN FOR GETTING
9 THESE ANIMALS OUT. THEY WAITED UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. YOU
10 CAN'T HAVE THAT MANY ANIMALS IF YOU CAN'T GET THEM OUT. BUT
11 WHY DIDN'T THE COUNTY KNOW? WHERE WERE THEY? YOUR OWN POLICY
12 IN THE POLICY MANUAL FOR ANIMAL CONTROL L.I.110 REQUIRES
13 ANIMAL CONTROL TO DO ANNUAL INSPECTIONS BETWEEN OCTOBER 15TH
14 AND DECEMBER 30TH OF ALL PERMIT HOLDERS. THERE WAS NO SUCH
15 INSPECTION DONE. WHY? WHY DIDN'T ANYONE AT THE COUNTY REALIZE
16 THAT THE LICENSE HAD EXPIRED, THE PERMIT WAS EXPIRED? THERE'S
17 NO EXCUSE FOR THIS. THIS IS ON YOU, AS WELL. AND THIS IS A
18 DESPICABLE HORRIFIC SITUATION THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN
19 ALLOWED TO HAPPEN. AND THESE PEOPLE, INCLUDING YOU, THERE
20 NEEDS TO BE AN INVESTIGATION INTO HOW THIS HAPPENED, HOW THESE
21 PEOPLE SLIPPED THROUGH THE CRACKS. AND THEY NEED TO BE CHARGED
22 WITH ANIMAL CRUELTY BECAUSE THIS IS NOT OKAY. IT'S NOT OKAY TO
23 LET THESE ANIMALS BURN TO DEATH. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE MORE NAMES TO CALL UP? NO. OKAY,
2 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT MR.
5 LIPMAN IS GOING TO MEET WITH THEM SO THAT WE CAN FOLLOW UP ON
6 THIS.

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **JOE MAIZLISH:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

13

14 **JOE MAIZLISH:** MY NAME IS JOE MAIZLISH. AND IN MY REMARKS ON
15 ITEM 6, I'M PRESENTING THE VIEWS THAT MY COLLEAGUES ON THE
16 STEERING COMMITTEE OF L.A. REGIONAL RE-ENTRY PARTNERSHIP ASKED
17 ME TO BRING TO YOU ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SERVICES. BUT FIRST,
18 MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE IMAGINATION THAT'S INVOLVED IN
19 SEEKING OUT EXISTING COUNTY RESOURCES AND MULTI-PURPOSING THEM
20 FOR THE OVERNIGHT PARKING ISSUE AS SOME RELIEF FOR PEOPLE. A
21 FRIEND OF MINE LONG AGO ASKED ME WHAT DO THE HOMELESS NEED.
22 SHE WAS SPENDING ABOUT HALF HER TIME HOMELESS. AND I SAID,
23 "WELL, HOUSING."" SHE SAID, "WELL THEY NEED LOCKERS FIRST."
24 YOU KNOW, THE IMMEDIATE NEED. IN THIS CASE, IT'S THE IMMEDIATE
25 NEED TO PUT YOUR VEHICLE, THOSE WHO HAVE A VEHICLE. THE

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1 MESSAGE FROM THE L.A.R.P. COLLEAGUES IS THAT THIS IS A
2 REACHABLE MOMENT, BY THE WAY. AND SERVICES ARE MENTIONED IN
3 THIS MOTION. IT'S A REACHABLE MOMENT FOR PEOPLE TO BE
4 CONTACTED BY COUNTY STAFF AND BY COUNTY PARTNERS. AND IF THE
5 SERVICE IS -- TO HAVE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF SERVICES AVAILABLE
6 FOR PEOPLE, WE NEED NOT ONLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE
7 SERVICES THEMSELVES, WHETHER DONE BY THE COUNTY OR PRIVATE
8 NONPROFITS, BUT ALSO CAPACITATION, TRAINING OF PROVIDERS.
9 THIS IS A NEED THAT L.A.R.P. HAS IDENTIFIED, AND IT HASN'T
10 BEEN SPECIFICALLY SUPPORTED BY THE COUNTY. BUT IT'S THE WAY TO
11 MULTIPLY WHAT YOU CAN DO. THAT'S MY COMMENT ON NUMBER 6. THANK
12 YOU. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE ISSUE. MY COMMENT ON ITEM, I THINK
13 IT'S 23, THE RENEWAL OF THE EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH
14 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR PROPERTY SEIZURES. I'VE BEEN
15 WORRIED ABOUT THIS FOR A FEW YEARS. HERE, IT'S A SELF-
16 FINANCING BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. NOW, OF COURSE, THEY
17 SHOULD BE FINANCED APPROPRIATELY, AND DEPENDING UPON THEIR
18 ACTIVITIES, THROUGH YOU GUYS. BUT THIS IS SELF-FINANCING BY AN
19 ENTITY THAT ALREADY IS RUN BY A SEPARATELY ELECTED PARTY. THAT
20 DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT. AND IT'S PART OF THE PREFERENCE, UNDUE
21 PREFERENCE, THAT ACTUALLY HURTS POLICE AND COMMUNITY
22 RELATIONS. AND IN MY OPINION, IT CONSTITUTES A TRAINING, A
23 TRAINING OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN FEELING ABOVE
24 EVERYBODY ELSE, ABOVE THE OTHER APARTMENTS AND, OF COURSE,
25 WITH MORE RIGHTS AND POWERS IN ITS DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC.

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1 THAT CAUSES THE DISTRUST THAT WE KNOW. IT CONTRIBUTES TO,
2 LET'S SAY, THE DISTRUST THAT WE KNOW. SO THIS IS SOMETHING FOR
3 I THINK FOR YOU FOLKS TO CONFRONT AND REALIZE THAT, WHEN YOU
4 APPROVE THIS, YOU'RE APPROVING A TRAINING PROGRAM, BUT ONE
5 WHOSE DAMAGE YOU TRY TO COMPENSATE FOR WITH THE OTHER TRAINING
6 PROGRAMS THAT ARE TO IMPROVE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONTACTS.
7 I'LL COME BACK TO THIS AS A REFERENCE ALSO IN MY PUBLIC
8 COMMENT PERIOD ABOUT THE JAILS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HAPPY NEW YEAR.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN BACK FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.
17 THERE'S A LOT OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTING IN THERE. I KNOW WE ARE
18 LOOKING FOR TRANSPARENCY WHEREVER WE CAN SEE IT. ITEM 3 TODAY
19 IS HOW ARE WE SPENDING THE HOMELESSNESS MONEY? AND I THINK
20 THAT EVERYBODY IS WONDERING THAT. SO I THINK IT'S NICE THAT
21 YOU'RE EXAMINING THAT. WHAT YOU'RE EXAMINING, HOWEVER, IS HOW
22 YOU ALL HAD A GREAT IDEA AND SUBMITTED SOME CHARACTERS FOR AN
23 R.F.P. AND THEY WERE TOLD WE ARE OUT OF MONEY. THAT'S NOT WHAT
24 WE'RE UPSET ABOUT. WHAT WE'RE UPSET ABOUT IS HOW IS THE MONEY
25 BEING SPENT? WE WERE ALL AT THE H. OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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1 MEETING WHERE A GASKET WAS BLOWN. AND PHIL ANSELL, WHO IS THE
2 C.E.O. IN CHARGE OF EXPLAINING THINGS TO EVERYBODY, WAS
3 ATTACKED FOR BEING COMPLETELY OBTUSE AND IMPENETRABLE, WHICH
4 IS NOT WHAT THE TAXPAYERS OBVIOUSLY ARE EXCITED ABOUT. SO I'M
5 HOPING THAT THIS IS SOMEWHERE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SAFE
6 PARKING, I NOTE YOU'RE BRINGING IN COMMUNITY PARTNERS. NOW
7 COMMUNITY PARTNERS IS WHENEVER YOU NEED A BIG AUTO SUCK
8 PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED, THAT'S WHO YOU GET BECAUSE NOBODY
9 KNOWS. AND THEY SEEM OFFICIAL. IT IS A LAWYER WHO HAS JUST
10 BUILT AN EMPIRE OF SUCKING IN THE WORK OF LITTLE ADVOCACY
11 GROUPS. SO DOES IT MAKE ME HAPPY? NO, NOT PARTICULARLY. I
12 HEARD THE ANIMAL CONTROL FOLKS. AND I WAS DEEPLY MOVED AND
13 DISTURBED BY THAT. OBVIOUSLY, SOME MAY KNOW THAT MY FIRST
14 ENCOUNTER IN THIS VERY PLACE WAS WITH AN ANIMAL CONTROL
15 INSANITY. BUT I NOTE THE \$485,000 SETTLEMENT IN THE JAIL WHERE
16 GENERAL MITTEN OR A GUY WAS INCARCERATED. AND WITHIN A COUPLE
17 DAYS, HE COMMITTED SUICIDE. WE'RE BEING SUED. AND WE'RE PAYING
18 OUT HALF THE MILLION NOW TO BE DONE WITH IT. BUT THE CUSTODY
19 DIVISION MANUAL, MISS WICKHAM, HAS BEEN SOMETHING WE'VE BEEN
20 ASKING FOR. I'M HOPING IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE PHASE 2 OF THE
21 BIG LAWSUIT TO GO GET THAT AGGRESSIVELY WITH A LAWYER. BUT
22 YOU'VE GOT TO SHARE IT. AND THE NEW SHERIFF IS A NEW SHERIFF,
23 SO HE SHOULD BE OPEN AND WANT PEOPLE TO SEE WHY, IF WE GET THE
24 MENTAL HEALTH CHECKS WRONG, WE'RE FIXING IT, AND WE'RE NOT --
25 AND SO, I KNOW YOU'VE TABLED MIRA LOMA AND THE GIANT

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1 EXPLANATIONS COMING FROM SHEILA KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
2 ABOUT THE DEBT SERVICE ON JAILS BECAUSE WE WANT THAT TO BE
3 CRYSTAL CLEAR. WHAT WE WANT IS LIKE AN INFOGRAPHIC, SIMPLE
4 EXPLANATION FROM THE TWO OF THEM, WHO IN 2007, HAD A HAND IN
5 MAKING SURE YOU COULD GET LEAST REVENUE MONEY FROM FOLKS BY
6 GOING AROUND THEM. NOW, THE PUBLIC, THAT IS. SO TO WRAP IT UP,
7 I JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE COST OF ELECTIONS BECAUSE YOU'VE
8 GOT SEVERAL ITEMS WHERE YOU'RE APPROVING, I THINK, COMPTON,
9 MONTEBELLO. IN MY CASE, WE PAY FOR THESE ELECTIONS. BUT IN
10 C.D.12, WHICH KIND OF ABUTS KATHRYN BARGER'S DISTRICT AND
11 SHEILA KUEHL'S DISTRICT WHERE MITCH ENGLANDER HAS RULED. PRIOR
12 TO THAT IT WAS GREG SMITH. WE HAVE A SPECIAL ELECTION THAT THE
13 TAXPAYERS ARE BEING FORCED TO CHOKED DOWN \$2.5 MILLION. WHY?
14 BECAUSE MITCH ENGLANDER HAS DECIDED THAT HE WANTS TO BECOME A
15 TIM LEIWEKE EMPLOYEE WHO IS THE FORMER GUY FROM A.E.G. THEY
16 JUST, BY THE WAY, SLAMMED THROUGH A \$98 MILLION FEASIBILITY
17 GIFT. SO THIS SMELLS ABOUT AS BAD AS ANY ITEM I'VE EVER SEEN
18 IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD. SO I WOULD JUST HOPE THAT THE
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL ASK SOME QUESTIONS AND SEE BECAUSE
20 THE ELECTIONS TIME LINE, IF THEY APPROVE THAT, IS GOING TO BE
21 20 MONTHS OF STRAIGHT ELECTION FOR ENGLANDER IF NOT --
22 THANKS.

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
25 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN MONITORING THE

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1 BOARD FOR 20 YEARS. IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT NOT ONE ITEM IS
2 HELD BY ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS. EVER. BUT I WILL SPEAK ON ONLY
3 A COUPLE OF ITEMS. ON ITEM NUMBER 3 HAVING TO DO WITH
4 L.A.H.S.A., YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN ASKING FROM THE BEGINNING TO
5 REALLY HAVE A REPORT ON A REGULAR BASIS FROM L.A.H.S.A. MANY
6 OF THE MEETINGS, THERE IS 10 MEMBERS OF L.A.H.S.A. IN A ROOM.
7 THEY DON'T NEED THAT MANY PEOPLE IN A ROOM. THEY NEED TO SPEND
8 TIME FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE HOMELESS. AND I DON'T THINK
9 NOBODY BEYOND THE TWO OR THREE WHO PRESENT SHOULD BE IN A
10 ROOM. BUT THAT HAPPENS CONSTANTLY. ALSO, THEY ARE VERY GOOD
11 ABOUT LETTING YOU KNOW WHEN THEY ARE GOING TO BE OFF. THEY
12 TAKE MORE TIME OFF THAN I HAVE SEEN IN A LONG TIME. THAT'S
13 ANOTHER OF MY CONCERN. BECAUSE SADLY, THE HOMELESS DON'T GET
14 ANY PLACE WHEN NOBODY'S WORKING, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE
15 PAID. ON ITEM URGENT CARE IN EL MONTE COUNTY. I THINK THAT'S A
16 VERY GOOD IDEA. I HOPE IT IS DONE QUICKLY BECAUSE, YOU KNOW,
17 MOLINA WAS PROMISED A HOSPITAL IN EL MONTE BACK MANY, MANY
18 MOONS AGO. SO TO SEE IT DONE WILL BE NICE. ON ITEM 29, ABOUT
19 THE LAWSUIT ABOUT JANET MOORE AGAINST THE SHERIFF AND D.H.S.
20 WE ARE PAYING \$485,000. THE LAST TWO, THREE MONTHS, I HAVE
21 BEEN BRINGING TO THE BOARD THE ISSUE THAT INMATES IN A JAIL
22 ARE NOT GETTING THEIR MEDICATION AND SO ON AND THAT MANY OF
23 THE R.N. ARE IN ACUTE P.T.S.D. IN FEAR FOR THEIR LIFE. YOU
24 KNOW, WHEN PEOPLE DO BAD THINGS AND THEY ARE IN JAIL, THEY
25 PROBABLY DESERVE IT. BUT THEY DON'T DESERVE NOT TO HAVE THEIR

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1 MEDS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO WAY OF PROVIDING IT TO THEMSELVES.
2 AND THAT'S HAPPENING ALL THE TIME. AND AT THE LAST I.A.B.
3 MEETING, THE NURSES FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WHO DEAL WITH
4 THE JAIL HAVE REQUESTED THAT THEY ARE REMOVED FROM D.H.S. AND
5 PLACED BACK UNDER THE SHERIFF. I THINK YOU MAYBE SHOULD THINK
6 ABOUT DOING THAT. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **HERMAN HERMAN:** HOW DO WE CONTROL THE AWARD PROCESS? IS IT
11 THROUGH THE WORDS OF GARY SMITH, YOUR COUNTY AWARD? OR SHOULD
12 WE TALK MORE HIGHLY ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED IN THE
13 CITY AND THE COUNTY AND IN THE STATE, HOMELESS VETERANS,
14 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND THE OVERALL
15 POPULATION OF HOMELESS PEOPLE TODAY AT COUNT REACHING A
16 STAGNANT NUMBER THAT EVEN THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS NOT
17 TAKEN ANY ACTION TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
18 HOMELESSNESS. STARTING WITH YOU, GAVIN NEWSOM AND NANCY
19 PELOSI, WHO CONTROLLED SAN FRANCISCO AND COULD NOT FIX THE
20 HOMELESS PROBLEM. BUT YET, IN HIS INAUGURATION, SURPRISINGLY
21 HE BROUGHT ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. WELL THE HELL WITH YOU, GAVIN
22 NEWSOM. I HOPE YOU GO TO JAIL FOR ALL THE CRITICISM YOU BRING
23 AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. WHY CAN'T I AFFORD
24 THE SAME TYPE OF QUALITY OF LIFE WITH MEDICAL? WHY CAN'T WE
25 AFFORD STABILITY IN HOUSING IN CALIFORNIA? I'LL TELL YOU WHY.

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1 BECAUSE DEMOCRATS IN SACRAMENTO HAVE DEMISED OUR LIVES TO AN
2 INSTITUTION OF HOMELESSNESS. AND THAT'S THE YEAR THE COUNTY
3 AWARD HAS APPROVED. IN ADDITION TO THAT, LET'S TALK ABOUT
4 ADEQUATE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. HOW WE MUST MEET THE
5 AVAILABLE ALLOWANCE FOR PERSONS WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL
6 DISABILITIES UNDER MEASURE 2 WHO CANNOT ACQUIRE HOUSING. THEY
7 GO THROUGH A PROCESS OF RIDICULE AND POOR JUDGMENT BY THOSE
8 WHO FACILITATE TO ASSIST THEM THROUGH [EXPLETIVE] PAPERWORK. A
9 NUMBER OF PAPERWORK. AND MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO SUFFER
10 DISABILITY CANNOT READ, LET ALONE UNDERSTAND WHAT FORMS
11 THEY'RE TURNING IN. AT WHAT POINT OF VIEW IS THIS? THIS IS THE
12 PROBLEM AGAIN OF THE CITY AND THE COUNTY FOR NOT USING ITS
13 METHOD AND METHODOLOGY OF ADEQUACY TO PROVE, TO IMPROVE THE
14 LIVES OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS TO UNDERSTAND THE RIGHTS. SO, MY
15 PART IN THIS AS AN ADVOCATE ARE TO POINT OUT WHO ARE THE TRUE
16 [EXPLETIVE] OF THIS STATE BECAUSE I'M TIRED OF FIGHTING AN
17 ADVOCACY THAT IS SO PROLIFERENTLY UNFAIR AND UNJUSTIFIED BY
18 YOUR ACTIONS. SO FROM THIS POINT ON, WE WILL WAGE THE WAR
19 AGAINST THE BLIGHT OF HOMELESSNESS. AND I WILL BE AS PROFOUND
20 AND UPSET WITH ALL THE ISSUES YOU TALK ABOUT ON HOMELESSNESS.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THE SPEAKERS THAT
23 SIGNED UP ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
24 PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEMS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 1-H, 1, 2,
2 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 23, 29, 30, 32, 33, AND
3 36.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL
6 AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY
8 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF
9 INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF
10 THE BOARD. WOULD YOU LIKE TO CALL THOSE SPEAKERS UP? ARE WE
11 GIVING THEM ONE MINUTE? OKAY. ONE MINUTE.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
14 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.
15 CHRIS BUBSER, EMMA SUTTON, ERIC PREVEN, HELEN EIGENBERG,
16 HERMAN HERMAN, JOSE MARTINEZ, JOSEPH MAIZLISH, KIM DAVIS
17 WAGNER, KRISTINA LEAR, LARRY LAVEN, MARISA ARRONA, MARK
18 CLAYTON ANTHONY JOHNSON, MATTHEW WHEELER, MICHELE INFANTE,
19 PASTOR CUE JNMARIE, AND STACEY STRONGARONE, PLEASE COME
20 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE COME FORWARD. THANK YOU, GO AHEAD. AS
23 SOON AS YOU GET SEATED, GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD.

24

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1 **JOE MAIZLISH:** WHAT'S UP WITH THE ONE MINUTE AT THIS UNLOADED
2 MEETING? I SEE NO TIME UP THERE. DO YOU HAVE A STOPWATCH OR
3 SOMETHING TO HELP ME WITH THAT?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** IT'S RIGHT HERE. RIGHT THERE.

6

7 **JOE MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING AGAIN. MY NAME'S JOE MAIZLISH. I'M
8 SHOCKED BY THIS ONE MINUTE AT THE SHORTEST MEETING OF THE
9 YEAR. ON THE MIRA LOMA ISSUE, YOU REMEMBER THAT WAS \$100
10 MILLION GRANT FROM THE STATE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND 18 MILLION
11 EXPECTED AS THE COUNTY'S SHARE. NOW WE'RE DOUBLED, IT SEEMS.
12 WHAT'S HAPPENING? 1258 WAS THE CAPACITY IN THE 2013 JAIL PLAN.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT? EXCUSE ME. WE'RE GOING TO
15 GIVE YOU TWO MINUTES. YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS IS A SHORT MEETING.
16 AND YOU'VE COME DOWN HERE, AND YOU CAN EACH HAVE TWO MINUTES.
17 [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **JOE MAIZLISH:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO THE CAPACITY WAS
20 PLANNED AT THE 2013 PLAN FOR 1258. AND IN THE 2014 ITERATION
21 OF THE PLAN, UP TO 1604, LOCATION CHANGE ALSO. WHAT'S
22 HAPPENING? THIS IS A TIME NOW AND SINCE 2014 -- THAT WAS THE
23 YEAR WHEN THE REDUCTIONS STARTED, THE DIVERSION IDEA WAS FIRST
24 BROUGHT UP. AND IT'S BEEN DEVELOPING EVER SINCE TO GREAT
25 SUCCESS AT THE SMALL-SCALE THAT IT'S BEING USED. THE POTENTIAL

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1 FOR REDUCTION IS VERY GREAT, PARTICULARLY FOR WOMEN WHOSE
2 OFFENSES TYPICALLY MAKE THEM MORE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DIVERSIONS.
3 BUT THERE'S A LITTLE BETTER IN THE C.C.T.F. PLAN BECAUSE OF
4 THE SAME THING. YOU'RE BUILDING IT NOW. I REMEMBER SEPTEMBER
5 1ST, 2015, AS KIND OF A BARGAINING SESSION ON THE BOARD,
6 SHOULD IT BE 1458 OR 1485 OR 1385. AND YOU'RE PICKING NUMBERS
7 OUT OF THE AIR WITH THE SPIRIT OF SEEING SOME REDUCTIONS
8 HAPPEN. BUT NOW THEY'RE IN MOTION. LET'S USE THE PLANNING
9 TALENT THAT YOU USED TO CREATE THESE CURRENT PLANS TO CREATE
10 BETTER ONES IN THE FUTURE. FOR MIRA LOMA, YOU MAY NOT EVEN
11 LOSE THAT 100 MILLION FROM THE STATE, PROVIDED YOU COME UP
12 WITH A WELL-ARGUED PLAN FOR A MIX OF FACILITIES THAT DON'T ALL
13 HAVE TO BE ON A BIG LOT FAR AWAY. FOR C.C.T.F., SIMILARLY
14 M.C.J. BECOMES MORE LIVABLE FOR STAFF AND PRISONERS AS
15 DIVERSIONS HAPPEN AND OTHER SITES, PARTS OF C.R.D.F., BECOME
16 AVAILABLE. THERE ARE WAYS TO USE THE IMAGINATION I
17 COMPLIMENTED YOU FOR ON ITEM 6, IF YOU CAN --

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **JOE MAIZLISH:** BREAK THROUGH AND APPLY IT TO THIS.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **KRISTINA LEAR:** HI, MY NAME IS KRISTINA LEAR. I'M A MEMBER OF
2 WHITE PEOPLE FOR BLACK LIVES AND AN ORGANIZER FOR REFORM L.A.
3 JAILS. AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT. I'D LIKE TO
4 ACKNOWLEDGE BOTH SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
5 COMING OUT IN OPPOSITION TO THE MIRA LOMA PROJECT. BUT I WANT
6 TO MAKE VERY CLEAR THAT WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR A RELOCATION OF
7 THIS PROJECT. WE'RE ASKING FOR A STOP TO THIS PROJECT TO
8 UNDERSCORE THAT THE ASK IS NOT FOR A BETTER WOMEN'S JAIL. IT'S
9 FOR MEANINGFUL AND REAL ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. IT'S
10 SOMETHING OBVIOUSLY TO STOP A GROSSLY CRUEL PROCEDURE, BUT IT
11 IS NOT ACTUALLY PROGRESS UNTIL WE PUT INTO ACTION DIFFERENT
12 PRACTICES AND UNTIL WE INVEST IN DIFFERENT SYSTEMS. AND SO, I
13 WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I AM NOT ASKING FOR A RELOCATION
14 OF THE WOMEN'S JAIL; I'M ASKING FOR A HALT TO IT AND FOR THE
15 ENTIRE JAIL PROJECT THAT'S PUT FORWARD. I'M GOING TO CEDE MY
16 TIME. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **CHRISTINE BUBSER:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRISTINE BUBSER. AND I'M
21 HERE TO SPEAK ON MATTER 16, TO THE MIRA LOMA. AND I ECHO
22 EVERYTHING KRISTINA SAID. WE NEED TO STOP THIS PROJECT AND GET
23 THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE INCARCERATED IN MIRA LOMA THE ACTUAL
24 HELP THEY WOULD NEED IN TERMS OF SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL
25 HEALTH. IT'S JUST UNCONSCIONABLE THAT WE ARE INCARCERATING

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1 PEOPLE WHO NEED COMPASSION AND SUPPORT. LIKEWISE, ON MATTER
2 20, THE C.C., THE -- I JUST CALL IT THE \$2.5 BILLION JAIL. IF
3 WE TOOK \$2.5 BILLION AND DIVIDED THAT INTO PROGRAMS THAT WOULD
4 ACTUALLY SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE AND KEEP THEM OUT OF PRISON,
5 IT'S SIMPLE MATH. IT'S RIDICULOUS. YOU COULD SEND EVERY ONE OF
6 THEM TO COLLEGE. SO I WOULD REALLY LIKE YOU TO STRONGLY
7 CONSIDER STOPPING. AND WE'RE NOT CONTINUING TO THROW GOOD
8 MONEY AFTER BAD. AND, INSTEAD, LET'S INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY.
9 THAT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. THAT'S WHY WE'VE ELECTED YOU. AND
10 I HOPE THAT YOU'LL FIND IN YOUR CONSCIENCE THAT WE NEED TO
11 HELP PEOPLE NOT INCARCERATE THEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **HELEN EIGENBERG:** HI, I'M HELEN EIGENBERG. AND I LIVE IN
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT. AND THANK YOU TO BOTH SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR COMING OUT AGAINST MIRA LOMA. I ALSO, TOO,
18 AM VERY AGAINST BUILDING MIRA LOMA. I DON'T WANT IT RELOCATED,
19 AND I ALSO AM STRONGLY SUPPORTING STOPPING THE 3.5 BUILDING OF
20 THESE JAILS, EXPANSIONS. WE NEED TO REINVEST, REIMAGINE, AND
21 PUT IT BACK INTO THE COMMUNITIES. I ECHO WHAT ALSO CHRIS
22 BUBSER AND KRISTINA LEAR SAID, AS WELL. THANK YOU. I'LL CEDE
23 MY TIME.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** GREETINGS, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
3 DISTRICT. AND APPARENTLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL
4 ARE NOT FOR MIRA LOMA, WHICH IS GREAT NEWS. THIS HAS BEEN A
5 PLAN THAT, YOU KNOW, WAS FROM A DIFFERENT TIME. AND I THINK
6 THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING MUCH LESS INCARCERATION AND ALMOST NO
7 INCARCERATION OF WOMEN. AND SO, IT'S NOT FUNNY FOR ME BUT
8 FUNNY FOR SOME. SO WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT THE BOARD IS
9 THINKING ABOUT RE-SITING OR DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAT'S
10 MORE IN THE INTEREST OF SERVICE TO WOMEN. AND IN TERMS OF THE
11 PITCHESS DETENTION EAST PROJECT, THERE'S SOME -- AGAIN, IT'S A
12 JOB ORDER CONTRACT. AND I WAS TAILING TO MASSOUD AS I WAS
13 HEADING OUT. YOU GUYS HAVE TAKEN THE JOB ORDER PROGRAM AND
14 REALLY RUN WITH IT. I MEAN THERE IS NOT A THING IN THE WORLD
15 THAT CAN'T FIT INTO THAT BOOK OF PRICES. SO I'M JUST WONDERING
16 DOES THAT MAKE ANY SENSE AT THIS TIME TO HAVE A -- MAYBE WE
17 CAN APPLY IT TO SERVICES. LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A HARD TIME WITH
18 H, MAYBE SOMEBODY COULD SEE A PSYCHIATRIST THROUGH A JOB ORDER
19 CONTRACT, AND THEN WE WOULD KNOW THAT THEY'RE SEEING THE
20 PSYCHIATRIST THROUGH THE JOB ORDER CONTRACT. I DON'T KNOW.
21 MAYBE THEY COULD GET SERVICES THROUGH A JOB -- BECAUSE WHAT WE
22 SEEM TO LOVE TO DO IS FARM IT OUT TO THE PEOPLE WHO TAKE A
23 LITTLE PER PERCENTAGE, 2.1 PERCENT. I KNOW THAT WHEN WE HAVE
24 ISSUES THE WAY WE COVER THE COST OF OUR WORKERS, THAT KIND OF
25 IRKS ME BECAUSE THE BUDGET OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND THE PARKS

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1 AND REC IS GINORMOUS. SO I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THAT
2 QUESTION. I ALSO WOULD SIMPLY SAY THAT THE TWO ITEMS WHERE
3 YOU'RE VACATING PROPERTY AND GIVING A QUICK CLAIM EASEMENT IS
4 A GREAT WAY TO ZERO, YOU KNOW, NO CHARGE TO THESE GUYS, I
5 ASSUME. THERE IS NOTHING POSTED. BUT AT THE CITY, THEY TAKE
6 THAT VERY SAME PROCESS AND HIJACK FOLKS. THAT'S WHY MITCHELL
7 ENGLANDER I THINK IS STEPPING DOWN BECAUSE IN THE PUBLIC
8 SAFETY COMMITTEE, HE STARTED HEARING VACATIONS OF PROPERTY AT
9 CITY HALL. AND PEOPLE WERE LIKE, SIR.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WELL WE HAVE LOST OUR MIND BECAUSE WE HAVE A
14 PROBLEM WITH HOMELESSNESS, A CRISIS THAT CONTINUES NOW FROM
15 THE TIME THAT I WAS KICKED OUT OF MY HOME BY THE CITY OF LOS
16 ANGELES, BY THE TYRANT JASON HERMAN WESSON, JR., ALONG WITH
17 TWO OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS. SO -- AND HIS STATEMENT THAT I
18 NEEDED MENTAL HEALTH, I BELIEVE HE'S WRONG. I BELIEVE PEOPLE
19 WHO ACQUIRE POWER AND MONEY NEED MENTAL HEALTH BECAUSE THEY
20 DESTROY THE LIVES OF THE FEW, LIKE MYSELF. AND THEN THEY BRING
21 ME IN HERE TO VENT AND POINT OUT WHAT REALLY IS WRONG WITH THE
22 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, A FREE STATE. EVERYTHING'S FREE IN THE
23 STATE OF CALIFORNIA EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO ARE RESIDENTS, LIKE
24 MYSELF, A GRASS ROOT RESIDENT. AND NOW I'M JUST A PART OF THE
25 POPULATION THAT YOU'VE CREATED UNDER MEASURE H., MEASURE

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1 H.H.H., AND MEASURE 2. AND HOW CAN WE PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL
2 SERVICES? ISN'T HOUSING A PART OF THAT H.H. MONEY? WHY DO
3 PEOPLE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF SO MANY
4 DOCUMENTATIONS JUST PROVE THEIR HOMELESS? MAYBE I SHOULD START
5 STATING BRANDENBURG V. OHIO, HOW I WOULD LOVE TO BURY THE
6 [EXPLETIVE] WHO'VE CREATED HOMELESSNESS. 395444, DO YOU WANT
7 ME TO GO ON? APPARENTLY NOT. SO WHY DON'T YOU SAVE THE
8 INSANITY OF YOUR MIND AND ACTUALLY TAKE AN ACTION THAT HELPS
9 PEOPLE WHO ARE IN HOMELESSNESS? HAVE A HEART, AND DO YOUR JOB
10 AS YOU HEARD BY PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. AND BY THE WAY, THANK
11 YOU FOR THE EXTRA 60 SECONDS.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY
16 LAVEN.

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** COULD YOU PUT THE MICROPHONE IN FRONT OF
19 YOU? YOU JUST MOVED IT. YEAH, THERE YOU GO.

20

21 **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY
22 LAVEN. AND I'M FROM ENCINO. I PAY MY DEBTS. I PAY MY FINES,
23 BUT THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH. THEY WANT MY MIND. I'M HERE TO
24 TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU EUPHEMISTICALLY CALL MENTAL HEALTH COURT,
25 BUT WHAT IS REALLY THE COURT OF THE PSYCHIATRISTS AND THIS USE

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1 OF FORCE UNWILLING PARTICIPANTS INTO TAKING MEDICINE. EVERY
2 YEAR WHETHER I DO ANYTHING WRONG OR NOT, I GO TO MENTAL HEALTH
3 COURT WHERE I MUST PAY THE PROSECUTION'S EXPENSES AND MY OWN
4 EXPENSES, BASICALLY ATTORNEY FEES. AND IF I CHALLENGE THE
5 CHARGES AGAINST ME, I PAY THE PSYCHIATRIST WHO TESTIFIES
6 AGAINST ME. THERE IS NO DOCTOR-PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY BETWEEN
7 A PSYCHIATRIST AND PATIENT. THE PSYCHIATRIST TESTIFIES AGAINST
8 HIS OR HER PATIENTS IN COURT. AND THEREFORE THE PATIENT CANNOT
9 TALK FREELY WITH OR TRUST THE PSYCHIATRIST. TRULY RETARDED
10 PEOPLE OR MENTALLY-CHALLENGED PEOPLE LIKE THOSE WITH DOWN
11 SYNDROME ARE NOT IN MENTAL HEALTH COURT. I KNOW BECAUSE I HAVE
12 BEEN TO MENTAL HEALTH COURT OVER 10 TIMES ON ACCOUNT OF THE
13 SAME CASE. AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN THEM THERE. SO MENTAL HEALTH
14 COURT WOULD BE MORE HONESTLY CALLED THE COURT OF THE
15 PSYCHIATRISTS. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, WE'LL ASK SOMEONE TO SPEAK WITH MR.
20 LAVEN.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

23
24 **STACEY STRONGARONE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS STACEY
25 STRONGARONE. AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE FOR

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1 THE VERA INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE LOCATED HERE IN DOWNTOWN LOS
2 ANGELES. AND I ALSO LIVE IN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
3 DISTRICT. I CAME TODAY TO SPEAK ON MIRA LOMA. AND THANK YOU,
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS
5 PROJECT. IN 2016, VERA PUBLISHED A REPORT CALLED "OVERLOOKED,
6 WOMEN IN JAILS IN AN ERA OF REFORM." IN IT, WE EXAMINED THE
7 VERY SCARCE AND LIMITED DATA OUT THERE WHICH IS WHY WOMEN ARE
8 INCREASINGLY BEING INCARCERATED IN THE UNITED STATES AND WHAT
9 THE SYSTEM MUST TO DO BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF
10 WOMEN AS THEY ENTER THE SYSTEM. FOR EXAMPLE, NEARLY 80 PERCENT
11 OF WOMEN IN JAILS ARE MOTHERS, BY AND LARGE SINGLE PARENTS,
12 SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN. HISTORIES OF
13 TRAUMA ARE NEARLY UNIVERSAL AMONG WOMEN IN JAIL. AND ONCE
14 INCARCERATED IN JAIL, WOMEN MUST GRAPPLE WITH SYSTEMS,
15 PRACTICES, AND FACILITIES THAT ARE DESIGNED FOR MEN. BEFORE
16 L.A. COUNTY MOVES FORWARD ON THE MIRA LOMA PROJECT, SUCH A
17 SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT, WE WOULD HOPE TO SEE EXPLICIT
18 ATTENTION PAID TO THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF WOMEN AND SOME OF THE
19 EMERGING RESEARCH ON THIS ISSUE. THE LOCATION OF THE FACILITY
20 ITSELF ON THE NORTHERN REACHES OF THE COUNTY FLIES IN THE FACE
21 OF WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT KEEPING WOMEN CLOSE TO THEIR FAMILIES.
22 AND WITH 65 PERCENT OF WOMEN BEING HELD IN PRETRIAL DETENTION,
23 WE WOULD HOPE TO SEE FURTHER CONSIDERATION, OR WE WOULD HOPE
24 TO SEE THE IMPACT OF UPCOMING BAIL REFORM BEFORE MAKING SUCH A
25 SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT. IF L.A. INVESTS IN JAIL BEDS FOR

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1 WOMEN, THEY INEVITABLY WILL BE FILLED. AND THERE ARE BETTER
2 WAYS. JURISDICTIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE CONSIDERING WAYS TO
3 DIVERT WOMEN FROM JAILS, EFFORTS TO LINK WOMEN TO COMMUNITY-
4 BASED SERVICES TO HELP THEM SUCCEED IN THE PRETRIAL PHASE.
5 PROSECUTORIAL DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
6 PROGRAMS ARE ALL THINGS WE HOPE YOU WOULD CONSIDER. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND BEFORE THE NEXT
9 SPEAKER, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU CALL UP MORE NAMES?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
12 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.
13 INGRID ARCHIE, TIFFANY JOHNSON, JEREMY TRAMER, IVETTE ALE,
14 LUPITA CARBALLO, JAMES NELSON, REEGIE BUNCH, ANTHONY ROBLES.
15 NAIM SADIK, JACOB JACKSON, PHAL SOK, BAMBY SALCDO, MICHAEL
16 PULIDO, NADEEKA KARUNARATNE, AND ESTHER LIM. PLEASE COME
17 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **MARISA ARRONA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARISA
22 ARRONA. I'M THE LOCAL SAFETY SOLUTIONS PROJECT DIRECTOR WITH
23 CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE. AND I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR
24 KUEHL'S DISTRICT. WE ARE VERY ENCOURAGED TO SEE YOU HIT PAUSE
25 ON THE MIRA LOMA FACILITY TO ENSURE GENDER-RESPONSIVE

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1 CONSULTANT OR OTHER EXPERTS CAN WORK WITH THE COUNTY IN TRULY
2 ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF WOMEN IMPACTED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
3 SYSTEM. IN 2015, C.S.J. PUBLISHED A TOOLKIT FOR POLICYMAKERS
4 AND PRACTITIONERS ON THIS VERY ISSUE, WHICH I WOULD LOVE TO
5 SHARE WITH EACH OF YOU AND YOUR STAFF AFTER THE MEETING. THAT
6 TOOLKIT, ALONG WITH ALL OF THE CURRENT DATA, BEST PRACTICES,
7 RESEARCH FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS AND THE
8 WOMEN'S JUSTICE INSTITUTE, THESE ALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THE
9 CRITICAL ELEMENTS NEEDED BY WOMEN IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM,
10 INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING FAMILY TIES AND
11 MAINTAINING ACCESS TO COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES, BUT
12 IMPORTANTLY ALSO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, WAYS TO POUR
13 THAT MONEY INTO INVESTMENTS ON THE FRONT END TO TRULY ADDRESS
14 THE DRIVERS OF HARM AND NEED IN THIS POPULATION. OVER THE LAST
15 FEW DECADES, AS THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN JAILS AND PRISONS HAS
16 GONE UP, THERE ARE OFTEN AN AFTERTHOUGHT IN DESIGN AND
17 PROGRAMMING. OR WE TRY TO SQUEEZE A SQUARE PEG IN A ROUND HOLE
18 AND SORT OF CONVERT EXISTING FACILITIES. YOU'VE SHOWN
19 LEADERSHIP ON IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN L.A.
20 COUNTY. AND LIKE I SAID, WE'RE VERY ENCOURAGED BY THIS. WE
21 HOPE, MOVING FORWARD, YOU CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN. THANK YOU SO
22 MUCH.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MARK ANTHONY
2 JOHNSON WITH JUSTICE L.A. AND THE FRONTLINE WELLNESS NETWORK.
3 THANK YOU FOR HEARING OUR VOICES TODAY. I WANT TO SAY THANK
4 YOU TO SHEILA KUEHL. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR, FOR YOUR
5 LEADERSHIP IN CHALLENGING SOME OF THE NARRATIVE AROUND THIS
6 JAIL PLAN. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AS WELL, AROUND
7 CHALLENGING THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM THAT THIS THING WAS JUST A
8 DONE DEAL. WE'VE KNOWN THAT FOR A WHILE, WHAT YOU HAVE RAISED,
9 THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE RAISED IS THAT THIS JAIL, PARTICULARLY
10 THIS LANCASTER WOMEN'S JAIL, IS ONLY GOING TO CONTINUE TO HARM
11 OUR FOLKS. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH U.C.L.A., WHO JUST RELEASED
12 A REPORT TODAY THAT REALLY MAPS WHY WOMEN ARE BEING
13 INCARCERATED IN LOS ANGELES. AND WE SEE THAT THE TOP REASONS
14 VERY MUCH RELATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES. AND THE LEADERSHIP
15 THAT EVERY SUPERVISOR HAS SHOWN IN INVESTING IN HOUSING,
16 INVESTING IN PUBLIC HEALTH, INVESTING IN CHALLENGES
17 HOUSELESSNESS, THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED IN ADDITION TO
18 CHALLENGING THE IDEA THAT THE FULL PLAN NEEDS TO MOVE FORWARD.
19 YOU HAVE TAKEN SOME REALLY IMPORTANT STEPS. POST THE APPROVAL
20 OF THIS PLAN, YOU DID AN ASSESSMENT OF ALL THE DIVERSION
21 PROGRAMS IN LOS ANGELES. MOST OF THOSE DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT
22 YOU PRODUCED, ABOUT 90 OF THEM OF YOUR OWN STUDY, HAD NOT BEEN
23 IMPLEMENTED YET. SO WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS LET'S MAXIMIZE THAT.
24 LET'S MAXIMIZE THE USE OF URGENT CARE CENTERS, WHICH, TO YOUR
25 ASSESSMENT, WOULD DIVERT ABOUT 10,000 PEOPLE A YEAR. THAT'S

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1 THE EQUIVALENT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NOT ARRESTING
2 PEOPLE FOR AN ENTIRE MONTH. RIGHT? SO WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND
3 THOSE CALCULATIONS, UNDERSTAND THE VERY THINGS THAT YOU VALUE,
4 YOU'VE PUT MONEY TOWARDS, YOU'VE PUT DOLLARS TOWARDS, AND SAY
5 HOW IS THIS GOING TO IMPACT THE JAIL POPULATION, INCLUDING THE
6 WOMEN'S JAIL, BUT ALSO INCLUDING THE CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL
7 TREATMENT FACILITY. WE HAVE A SHERIFF WHO DOES NOT WANT TO
8 BUILD. THAT IS UNPRECEDENTED. AND THAT IS A REALLY POWERFUL
9 OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF
10 LOS ANGELES. AND SO WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP TODAY BUT
11 ALSO ARE ASKING YOU TO TAKE THE NEXT COURAGEOUS STEP. LET'S
12 TAKE THIS WINDOW TO THINK VERY CREATIVELY IN UNPRECEDENTED
13 CONDITIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF LOS ANGELES.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **PASTOR CUE JNMARIE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS
18 PASTOR CUE JNMARIE. I'M WITH CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR
19 ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND ALSO WITH THE CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS IN
20 SKID ROW. WE HAVE BEEN RE-IMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY FOR A LONG
21 TIME IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT ARE MOST ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY
22 LAW ENFORCEMENT. AS A PASTOR IN SKID ROW, I'M WELL AWARE OF
23 HOW MASS INCARCERATION NEGATIVELY IMPACTS OUR COMMUNITIES. THE
24 UNITED NATIONS MADE TWO VISITS TO SKID ROW LAST YEAR AND
25 DETERMINED THAT THERE'S MORE RESTROOM ACCESS IN A SYRIAN

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1 REFUGEE CAMP THAN IN SKID ROW. THERE'S A BIBLICAL TEXT THAT
2 SAYS TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH IS REQUIRED. YOU HAVE BEEN
3 GIVEN MUCH, MUCH STEWARDSHIP OVER POWER AND RESOURCES. YOU
4 HAVE BEEN GIVEN MUCH, MUCH RESPONSIBILITY. AND WE'RE EXPECTING
5 MUCH FROM YOU AS IT RELATES TO OUR COMMUNITIES. WE'RE
6 ADVOCATING THAT WE STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES BY BUILDING
7 HUMAN BEINGS RATHER THAN PUTTING AN OVEREMPHASIS ON STRUCTURES
8 OF INCARCERATION AND OPPRESSION. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO BUILD
9 COMMUNITIES AND BUILD PEOPLE AND DIVERT OUR RESOURCES TOWARDS
10 PLACES THAT CAN BUILD OUR COMMUNITIES, SOURCES OF COMPASSION,
11 SOURCES THAT HELPS PEOPLE TO GROW, AND NOT AREAS WHERE WE
12 CONTINUE TO BUILD STRUCTURES OF CAPITALISM THAT CONTINUES TO
13 LINE PEOPLE'S POCKET BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, DESTROY OUR
14 COMMUNITIES. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO HAVE COMPASSION. THANK YOU.
15 [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T SAY THIS
18 BEFORE, BUT OUR USUAL DECORUM THAT WE ASK FOR IN THE
19 AUDITORIUM IS THAT, INSTEAD OF CLAPPING, MAYBE YOU JUST GIVE
20 AN INDICATION BY RAISING THE ROOF THAT YOU AGREE WITH THE
21 SPEAKER. AND THAT WAY WE CAN KEEP MOVING QUICKLY. SO, THANK
22 YOU FOR THAT CONSIDERATION. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **EMMA SUTTON:** HELLO? MY NAME IS EMMA SUTTON. I'M HERE WITH
25 JUSTICE L.A. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. AND THANK YOU TO

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1 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I'M HERE FOR THE
2 MIRA LOMA AND ITEM 16 AND 20. JUST REPEATING PREVIOUS
3 COMMENTATORS THIS MORNING, I'M ASKING FOR AN ENTIRE HALT TO
4 THE JAIL RELOCATION AND TO INVEST THOSE FUNDS IN OTHER AREAS
5 GREATLY NEEDED IN L.A. THE ANSWER ISN'T MORE CAGES. THE ANSWER
6 IS COMPASSION, EMPATHY, AND UNDERSTANDING. AND I IMPORE YOU,
7 AS FELLOW HUMANS, TO TAKE CARE OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF THESE
8 WOMEN AND ALL PEOPLE THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS EXPANSION
9 PLAN. HOW ABOUT INVESTING THIS MONEY IN HOLISTIC CARE AND
10 SUPPORTING AND PUTTING IT BACK INTO THE EDUCATION SYSTEM? WE
11 HAVE TEACHERS STRIKING THIS WEEK, TOO. HOW ABOUT PUTTING THAT
12 MONEY BACK INTO THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AT AN EARLY AGE TO
13 PREVENT THESE PEOPLE FROM EVEN GETTING INTO THIS SYSTEM THAT
14 ISN'T DOING THEM ANY GOOD? YEAH, I JUST IMPORE YOU TO STOP
15 THIS EXPANSION PLAN NOW. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MICHELE INFANTE. I'M WITH
20 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. VALLEY FEVER IS A FUNGUS THAT CAN CAUSE
21 MANY THINGS TO ONE'S HEALTH, FEVER, COUGH, CHEST PAIN, CHILLS,
22 NIGHT SWEATS, HEADACHES, FATIGUE, JOINT PAIN, RED, SPOTTY
23 RASHES WITH BLISTERS, ERUPTIONS THAT LOOK LIKE PIMPLES. IT
24 TAKES MONTHS TO FULLY RECOVER. AND FATIGUE AND JOINT PAIN CAN
25 EVEN LAST LONGER. THERE ARE THREE TIMES OF VALLEY FEVER.

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1 CHRONIC VALLEY FEVER CAN PROGRESS TO PNEUMONIA. THIS
2 COMPLICATION IS MORE COMMON IN PEOPLE WITH WEAKENED IMMUNE
3 SYSTEMS. THOSE SYSTEMS INCLUDE LOW GRADE FEVER, WEIGHT LOSS,
4 COUGH, CHEST PAIN, BLOOD IN SPUTUM, NODULES IN LUNGS. THE MOST
5 SERIOUS FORM OF DISEASE, DISSEMINATED VALLEY FEVER, OCCURS
6 WHEN THE INFECTION SPREADS BEYOND THE LUNGS TO OTHER PARTS OF
7 THE BODY. MOST OFTEN THESE PARTS INCLUDE THE SKIN, BONES,
8 LIVER, BRAIN, HEART, AND MEMBRANES THAT PROTECT THE BRAIN AND
9 SPINAL CORD. IF YOU HAVE A WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEM, ARE
10 PREGNANT, OF FILIPINO OR AFRICAN HERITAGE, YOU ARE MORE
11 SUSCEPTIBLE. DON'T LET THE LANGUAGE THAT HAS BEEN MANIPULATED
12 TO WILL POWER AND PROFIT LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE THIS NEW JAIL
13 DOESN'T COME WITH JUST A FINANCIAL COST OF \$3.5 BILLION. IT
14 WILL COST LIVES OF WOMEN IN ORDER TO CREATE PROFIT. PLEASE LET
15 YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE. WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER JAIL.
16 PLEASE START OPENING THE DOORS AND EDUCATING THE PEOPLE THAT
17 ARE INSIDE INSTEAD OF CLOSING THE DOORS AND NOT LETTING THEM
18 OUT.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ROBLES. AND I'M WITH
23 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND
24 SOLIS ON FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. I'M ALSO A
25 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. L.A. COUNTY INCARCERATES THE MOST

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1 PEOPLE IN THE ENTIRE PLANET, NOT JUST THE STATE, NOT JUST THE
2 COUNTRY, BUT IN THE ENTIRE PLANET. THIS JURISDICTION
3 INCARCERATES THE MOST PEOPLE. WE HAVE THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM
4 IN THE ENTIRE PLANET. L.A. COUNTY'S JAIL SYSTEM IS ONE OF THE
5 DIRTIEST IN ALL OF THE COUNTRY. AND SO WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE
6 FUTURE OF LOS ANGELES, DO WE WANT THE KEEP LOCKING UP MORE
7 PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH
8 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ABUSE, SEXUAL ABUSE, HOUSELESSNESS? IS THE
9 RIGHT SOLUTION TO PUT THEM IN A CAGE OR CONFINED THEM,
10 ESPECIALLY SOMEWHERE SOME FAR IN THE DESERT? WHEN WE THINK
11 ABOUT THIS, WE SHOULD BE NOT BUILDING ANOTHER JAIL, BUT
12 BUILDING MORE TREATMENT CENTERS, BUILDING MORE HOUSING,
13 INVESTING IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. L.A. COUNTY, MOST TACTICS,
14 POLICIES, AND TECHNOLOGIES USED FOR SUPPRESSION TO INCARCERATE
15 PEOPLE IS BUILT OUT OF L.A. SO WE KIND OF LEAD THE WORLD IN
16 INCARCERATING PEOPLE AND KEEPING PEOPLE TRAPPED IN A SYSTEM OF
17 INCARCERATION AND POVERTY. AND SO WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE
18 FUTURE OF L.A. COUNTY, WE SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT THE THINGS
19 I HAVE MENTIONED BEFORE LIKE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND TREATMENT
20 CENTERS AND HOUSING AND THE THINGS THAT WE NEED AS MANY OF US
21 ARE GETTING DISPLACED OUT OF THIS COUNTY ALTOGETHER. SO I JUST
22 HOPE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT YOU VOTE AGAINST THIS
23 JAIL PLAN AND WHEN YOU DO VOTE AGAINST THIS JAIL PLAN, THAT
24 YOU DON'T THINK OF BUILDING A BETTER JAIL THAT'S CLOSER BUT
25 ACTUALLY BUILDING SOMETHING THAT'S AN ALTERNATIVE THAT

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1 ACTUALLY REDUCES MASS INCARCERATION, REDUCES OUR JAIL
2 POPULATION, SO L.A. COUNTY IS NOT THE WORLD LEADER IN
3 INCARCERATION. SO THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **PHAL SOK:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S PHAL SOK. I'M WITH THE YOUTH
8 JUSTICE COALITION. I HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT I'M ONLY 37, BUT
9 OVER HALF OF MY MEMORIES ARE OF IN INCARCERATION. AND THOSE
10 MEMORIES DON'T GO AWAY. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT VALLEY FEVER, I
11 SAW PLENTY OF PEOPLE THAT FELL TO VALLEY FEVER. I SAW PEOPLE
12 THAT WERE GROWN AND HEALTHY END UP IN WHEELCHAIRS, END UP WITH
13 CATHETERS, HAVING TO HAVE AID JUST TO WALK AROUND. SO VALLEY
14 FEVER IS A VERY DANGEROUS THING. AND NOBODY HAS TO DO ANYTHING
15 TO GET VALLEY FEVER. THEY JUST HAVE TO BREATHE THE AIR BECAUSE
16 THAT'S WHERE IT COMES FROM. IT'S A SPORE IN THE DIRT. YOU
17 CAN'T EVEN SEE IT. YOU DON'T EVEN NO IT'S THERE. BUT IN THE
18 CASE OF MIRA LOMA, WE DO KNOW IT'S THERE. WE KNOW IT'S IN THE
19 DIRT. BUT THE ONE THING I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS THAT PEOPLE
20 APPRECIATE WHAT I DO TODAY. PEOPLE APPRECIATE ME FOR WHO I AM
21 TODAY REGARDLESS OF HOW LONG I WAS INCARCERATED. BUT I DIDN'T
22 BECOME A BETTER PERSON BECAUSE OF CONCRETE, BECAUSE OF REBAR.
23 I DIDN'T BECOME A BETTER PERSON BECAUSE OF A MAN WITH A BADGE.
24 I DIDN'T BECOME A BETTER PERSON BECAUSE DOCTORS WERE THERE. I
25 BECAME A BETTER PERSON BECAUSE OF PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY

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1 THAT WENT TO VISIT AND WENT TO TALK TO ME. SO THOSE THINGS,
2 GROWTH, HAPPENS FROM PEOPLE, INVESTMENTS IN PEOPLE, FROM
3 PEOPLE WILLING TO SPEND THE TIME AND THE CARE TO LOOK AT SOME
4 OF US AS HUMANITY REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEY'VE DONE IN THE PAST.
5 SO I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT PIECE OF IT. AND WITH \$3.5
6 BILLION BEING SPENT ON CONCRETE AND REBAR, WE'RE NOT GOING TO
7 ACHIEVE THAT. THAT'S JUST CONCRETE AND REBAR. WE CAN GET THAT
8 ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. SO \$3.5 BILLION SHOULD BE SPENT ON OUR
9 YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE SITTING AROUND HERE, YOUNG PEOPLE THAT
10 NEED COUNSELORS, YOUNG PEOPLE THAT NEED, YOU KNOW, JUST YOUTH
11 CENTERS, YOUNG PEOPLE THAT NEED JOBS DURING THE SUMMER. AND
12 THAT'S WHERE I WENT WRONG. WE CAN SAY WRONG. WHEN MY DAD
13 DIED, I WAS 16. THE SUMMER WENT BY, I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING.
14 THERE WAS NO JOB TO GO TO. THERE WASN'T A YOUTH CENTER. I
15 DIDN'T HAVE A GRIEF COUNSELOR. AND WHEN I WENT TO THE SCHOOL,
16 WHEN THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTED SAYING I'M STRUGGLING, THEY GAVE
17 ME A PIECE OF PAPER AND SAID HERE, TURN IN YOUR BOOKS AT THE
18 END OF THE DAY AND GO TO THIS OTHER PROGRAM. THAT WAS THE
19 SOLUTION. SO, I WOUND UP IN THE STREETS, AND I WOUND UP IN
20 PRISON AT 17. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT. NEXT SPEAKER,
23 PLEASE.

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1 **JAMES NELSON:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JAMES NELSON. I'M WITH DIGNITY
2 AND POWER NOW, JUSTICE L.A. I AM ALSO FORMERLY INCARCERATED. I
3 DID 29 YEARS IN A STATE PRISON. DURING THE COURSE OF THAT 29
4 YEARS, I'VE SEEN SEVERAL GUYS COME DOWN WITH VALLEY FEVER
5 WHERE THEY WAS BEING MISDIAGNOSED ALL THE WAY UP TO THE POINT
6 TO WHERE THESE GUYS, A FEW OF THEM, DIED, YOU KNOW. SO I'VE
7 SEEN THEM, TOO, WORKING OUT, PLAYING SPORTS, BEING HEALTHY.
8 AND BECAUSE A LOT OF THESE JAILS AND PRISON AREAS, THEY ARE
9 BUILT IN AGRICULTURE LANDS. SO WHERE THE DIRT IS ALWAYS
10 DISTURBED AND THE FACILITIES HAVE SWAMP COOLERS. SO WHATEVER'S
11 OUTSIDE, THAT'S WHAT COMES INSIDE. A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE NAMED
12 RONNY, HE HAD VALLEY FEVER. HE STILL HAS IT BECAUSE YOU NEVER
13 GET RID OF IT. HE TAKE MEDICATION THE REST OF HIS LIFE. BUT
14 RONNY'S HEALTH HAD DECLINED JUST DRASTICALLY. AND HE WAS BEING
15 MISDIAGNOSED TO WHERE THEY WERE SAYING HE HAD THE FLU. THEY
16 SAID HE HAD PNEUMONIA. RONNY HAD LOST OVER 100 POUNDS. AND
17 EVERYBODY KNEW THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH RONNY. AND THEY
18 TRANSFERRED RONNY FROM SOLEDAD DOWN TO ANOTHER FACILITY IN SAN
19 LUIS OBISPO. THEY SAID THERE WASN'T NOTHING THEY COULD DO TO
20 RONNY. THEY SENT RONNY TO THE VAN TO GET TRANSPORTED BACK TO
21 PRISON WHERE HE WAS SUPPOSED TO GO AND DIE, BUT BEFORE THE VAN
22 PULLED OFF, A NURSE CAME DOWN AND STOPPED THE OFFICERS AND
23 ASKED THEM TO BRING RONNY BACK UP. ONE MORE DOCTOR WANTED TO
24 LOOK AT RONNY. THAT ONE DOCTOR TOLD RONNY, I CAN'T MAKE YOU NO
25 PROMISE, BUT I'M WILLING TO GIVE IT A TRY. AND RONNY HAD TO GO

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1 THROUGH MULTIPLE OPERATIONS. RONNY HAD A PIVOTAL POINT IN HIS
2 LIFE. HE WAS ALREADY CHANGED FROM WHO HE WAS WHEN HE WENT IN
3 AS A JUVENILE TO WHO HE HAD BECOME. BUT RONNY HAD TO BE CUT
4 OPEN, AND THE FUNGUS HAD TO BE SCRAPED OFF OF RONNY'S SPINE.
5 AND RONNY LUCKILY HAD A FULL RECOVERY. HE'S AT HOME NOW. BUT I
6 ALWAYS SAID THAT I WAS GOING TO BE THE VOICE FOR THE GUYS I
7 KNEW THAT DIED FROM THIS ILLNESS.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **JAMES NELSON:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **BAMBY SALCDO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BAMBY SALCDO. AND I DO
16 HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO BE THE PRESIDENT AND THE C.E.O. OF THE
17 VERY FIRST TRANS-LED ORGANIZATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH
18 IS CALLED THE TRANS-LATINO COALITION. WE HAVE A CENTER, WHICH
19 IS CALLED THE CENTER FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TRANSGENDER
20 WELLNESS. AND I'M HERE AS PART OF THE L.A. JUSTICE COALITION
21 TO IMPORE YOUR SUPPORT TO NOT VOTE TO BUILD THIS NEW JAIL. AS
22 ONE OF MY PREDECESSORS WAS SPEAKING ABOUT THE INTENTIONAL
23 INVESTMENT THAT YOU ALL INVEST IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE, I AM A
24 PRODUCT OF THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. I SPENT 14 YEARS OF MY
25 LIFE IN STATE PENITENTIARY, MULTIPLE TIMES IN THE COUNTY JAIL.

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1 BUT THERE WAS PEOPLE WHO SUPPORTED ME THROUGH MY PROCESS. AND
2 BECAUSE OF THAT, I'M NOW ABLE TO LEAD A NATIONAL ADVOCACY
3 ORGANIZATION THAT IS PROVIDING CRITICAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO
4 TRANS AND GENDER NONCONFORMING PEOPLE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND
5 SO I'M HERE TO REALLY LET YOU KNOW AS A HUMAN TESTAMENT THAT
6 THE INTENTIONAL INVESTMENT THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN, PARTICULARLY
7 TO TRANS AND GENDER NONCONFORMING PEOPLE, AND MORE
8 SPECIFICALLY TO TRANS WOMEN WHO ARE IN PRISON WHO ARE
9 CONSTANTLY CRIMINALIZED SIMPLY FOR WHO WE ARE. AND THE FACT
10 THAT IN 2019, THERE'S ONLY ONE TRANS-LED ORGANIZATION THAT IS
11 PROVIDING CRITICAL SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY, THERE NEEDS TO
12 BE MORE. AN ESTIMATION THAT MORE THAN 220,000 PEOPLE WHO ARE
13 TRANS-IDENTIFIED LIVE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND THE VAST
14 MAJORITY OF THAT ARE IN L.A. COUNTY. OUR ORGANIZATION
15 OBVIOUSLY NEEDS RESOURCES, BUT WHAT I'M ASKING IS FOR YOU TO
16 REALLY, INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO CRIMINALIZE US AND PUTTING US
17 IN JAILS, TO INVEST IN THE DEVELOPMENT THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IN
18 OUR COMMUNITY FOR US TO BE AT A BETTER PLACE WITHIN OUR
19 SOCIETY.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

22
23 **MICHAEL PULIDO:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MICHAEL PULIDO. I'M THE YOUTH
24 ORGANIZER AND POLICY COORDINATOR AT THE TRANS-LATINO
25 ORGANIZATION. I HAVE A VERY LARGE PRIVILEGE OF ORGANIZING WITH

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1 BAMBY SALCDO HERE. AND I'M HERE TO MAKE A STRONG OPPOSITION TO
2 THE MIRA LOMA JAIL PLAN MAINLY BECAUSE I'M A 22 YEAR OLD TRANS
3 PERSON. MOST OF MY SOCIAL CIRCLES ARE TRANS PEOPLE. L.A.
4 COUNTY SPECIFICALLY, THE JAIL POPULATION CONSISTS OF REALLY
5 VULNERABLE AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES ALREADY. SO I'VE LOST
6 A LOT OF FRIENDS THAT HAVE ENDED UP IN JAIL SYSTEM SIMPLY FOR
7 BEING CRIMINALIZED FOR WALKING DOWN THE STREET, FOR BEING
8 PROFILED AS A SEX WORKER, FOR HAVING TO ENGAGE IN SURVIVAL
9 CRIMES, FOR ATTAINING THINGS FOR THEIR OWN WELL-BEING. AND SO
10 THERE NEEDS TO BE A LARGER INVESTMENT IN EDUCATING LARGER L.A.
11 COUNTY ABOUT THE NEEDS OF TRANS PEOPLE BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE
12 BEING KICKED OUT OF THEIR HOMES DUE TO FAMILY EXCLUSION, DUE
13 TO LACK OF DIALOGUE AROUND TRANS PEOPLE. IF ME AND BAMBY
14 WEREN'T HERE, THERE WOULD BE NO TRANS PEOPLE HERE, THERE WOULD
15 BE NO DIALOGUE ABOUT TRANS PEOPLE. AND SO I'M REALLY HERE TO
16 REALLY BRING ATTENTION TO THE NUANCED NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY,
17 NOT ONLY OF TRANS PEOPLE, BUT L.G.B.T.Q. PEOPLE IN GENERAL.
18 IT'S REALLY, REALLY DIFFICULT BECAUSE PEOPLE END UP IN THESE
19 JAIL SYSTEMS, ARE DISRESPECTED, STRIPPED OF THEIR IDENTITIES.
20 AND IT HAS LONGER MENTAL HEALTH IMPLICATIONS ON THEIR WELL-
21 BEING RATHER THAN ACTUALLY MAKING THEM BETTER, WHICH IS THE
22 INTENT OF THE JAIL, RIGHT? PUNISHING THEM SO THAT THEY COME
23 OUT AND ARE MORE WELL CITIZENS OR WHATEVER. BUT IT'S NOT DOING
24 THAT. I SEE THE EFFECTS OF THAT EVERY DAY. WE HAVE A RE-ENTRY
25 PROGRAM WHERE PEOPLE COME INTO THE CENTER THAT ARE SEVERELY

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1 TRAUMATIZED FROM BEING CRIMINALIZED AND BEING PLACED IN THE
2 JAIL. THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. THEY
3 HAVE NO RESOURCES AFTERWARD. THEY CAN'T GET A PLACE BECAUSE
4 THEY'RE CRIMINALIZED, AND IT'S ON THEIR RECORD AND THINGS LIKE
5 THAT. AND SO THERE NEEDS TO BE A LONGER CONVERSATION OF HOW
6 WE'RE WORKING WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AFTERWARD AND HOW WE'RE
7 WORKING WITH THEM BEFORE THEY'RE PLACED IN JAILS AND PRISONS
8 FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME. SO, THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **JACOB JACKSON:** HOW ARE YOU DOING? JACOB JACKSON. YEAH, WHAT
13 YOU CALL IT, \$3.5 BILLION I'M HEARING THAT'S GOING INTO THIS
14 JAIL. AND I WAS ALSO AT THE LAST MEETING, AND AT THE LAST
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF Y'ALL WE WERE TALKING ABOUT
16 THIS. AND LIKE I SAID, I LIVE ON CRENSHAW AND FLORENCE. SO I
17 LIVE IN A COMMUNITY THAT'S LIKE, REALLY LOW DOWN. IT'S A LOT
18 OF WEED SHOPS. IT'S A LOT OF OLD BUILDINGS AND A LOT OF THINGS
19 THAT ARE TORN DOWN AND STUFF. AND, YOU KNOW, \$3.5 BILLION
20 Y'ALL GOING TO INVEST INTO A JAIL WHERE THERE'S VALLEY FEVER,
21 WHERE THERE'S THINGS OVER THERE THAT CAN HURT PEOPLE, THAT CAN
22 HARM PEOPLE. LET ME TELL YOU, I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE
23 IN JAIL RIGHT NOW THAT DON'T WANT TO BE IN JAIL. SO TO PUT IT
24 THAT FAR AND THEN TO HAVE ALL THIS SURROUNDING IT TO AFFECT
25 THESE FEMALES OUT HERE, I WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE NONE OF THOSE

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1 FEMALES IN THAT JAIL CELL. I'VE SEEN PEOPLE DO WORSE THINGS
2 THAN THIS, AND IT'S REALLY BAD OUT HERE. \$3.5 BILLION, YOU
3 COULD REALLY INVEST INTO A COMMUNITY THAT I WOULD USE. THERE'S
4 A LOT OF PLACES THAT I WISH I CAN GO TO BECAUSE LIKE MY MOM'S
5 BILLS JUST GOT RAISED UP. YOU FEEL ME? MY MOM WORKS TWO JOBS.
6 YOU FEEL ME? SHE'S WORKING ALL DAY, ALL NIGHT. SHE'S DOING
7 EVERYTHING SHE COULD. SHE'S TRYING TO GIVE ME AND MY BROTHER,
8 PROVIDE THIS FOR CHRISTMAS AND ALL THAT. YOU FEEL ME? I DIDN'T
9 GET NO PRESENTS, BUT I GOT HER A PRESENT. I GOT HER FOUR
10 PRESENTS, WHICH I'M OUT HERE LOOKING FOR A JOB, TOO BECAUSE I
11 NEED IT TO. YOU FEEL ME? WE'RE STRUGGLING OUT HERE. BUT Y'ALL
12 GOING TO INVEST \$3.5 BILLION INTO THAT RATHER THAN US IN A
13 COMMUNITY THAT'S FAILING? BUT OH YEAH INTO A JAIL CELL THAT
14 CAN HOLD ALL OF THEM, RIGHT? BECAUSE WE'RE ALL GETTING KICKED
15 OUT, ANYWAY. I MEAN WHY SHOULD WE? I'M ASKING IF YOU ALL CAN
16 JUST HELP US AND NOT, YOU KNOW, INVEST THAT MUCH INTO THAT. AT
17 LEAST LOOK INTO SOMETHING ELSE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT. BY THE WAY, I
20 GREW UP AT CRENSHAW/FLORENCE. THAT WAS MY NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE
21 GREAT SECOND DISTRICT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **LUPITA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS LUPITA WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE
24 COALITION. AND I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT 3.5 BILLION JAIL
25 EXPANSION. TO ME IT'S AN INVESTMENT BACKWARDS. IF THE YOUTH

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1 ARE THE FUTURE, WHAT KIND OF FUTURE ARE YOU PLANNING FOR
2 YOUTH? THESE JAILS ARE NOT FOR ME. THEY'RE NOT FOR HER.
3 THEY'RE NOT FOR HIM, BUT THEY'RE FOR YOUR KIDS. LET'S THINK
4 ABOUT IT THAT WAY. THEY'RE FOR MY YOUNGER SIBLINGS, AS WELL.
5 IT'S JUST A LOT MORE THINGS THAT NEED TO GET DONE LIKE HE JUST
6 SAID. LIKE JACOB JUST SAID, WE NEED YOUTH CENTERS, YOUTH JOBS,
7 PEACE BUILDERS. WE CAN LOOK INTO THE MARIJUANA TAXES. WHAT ARE
8 WE GOING TO DO WITH THAT? WHERE IS THAT TALK GOING ON BEHIND
9 THE DOORS? AND IF IT IS, I WANT TO BE IN THE TABLE DURING THAT
10 CONVERSATION BECAUSE WE NEED A LOT MORE RESOURCES. LIKE I
11 SAID, IF YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE, WHAT FUTURE ARE PINNING TO THE
12 YOUTH? THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **NAIM SADIK:** MY NAME IS NAIM SADIK. I'VE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE
17 UNJUST CRIMINAL INJUSTICE SYSTEM IN CALIFORNIA FOR A VERY,
18 VERY LONG TIME. AT THE AGE OF FOUR YEARS OLD, I WAS PLACED
19 INTO FOSTER CARE BECAUSE MY MOTHER WAS SENT TO PRISON. AND,
20 YOU KNOW, BECAUSE OF BEING PLACED IN FOSTER CARE, THAT SYSTEM
21 IS A SYSTEM THAT ISN'T VERY WELL RAN. BUT BECAUSE OF BEING
22 PLACED IN FOSTER CARE, I SUFFER A LOT OF MENTAL, PHYSICAL
23 ABUSES AND TRAUMAS. WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY ABOUT THIS PRISON
24 JAIL, THE \$3.5 MILLION THAT WILL BE INVESTED INTO THE PRISONS,
25 IS THAT WE HAVE NOT ONLY THE CAPACITY BUT WE HAVE THE DUTY TO

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1 RADICALLY RE-IMAGINE A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
2 ACCOUNTABILITY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CAGING FOLK DOESN'T HELP
3 THEM GET WELL. WE MUST IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM THAT ISN'T
4 REACTIONARY. WE MUST REALLOCATE RESOURCES TO PROGRAMS THAT
5 HEAL THE COMMUNITY AND PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BEING PLACED INTO
6 SITUATIONS THAT ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR PHYSICAL HEALTH,
7 MENTAL HEALTH, AND OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE. OUR COMMUNITIES
8 ARE OVERPOLICED AND UNDERRESOURCED. WHY IS IT THAT CALIFORNIA
9 HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO BUILD 17 PRISONS AND JAILS SINCE THE
10 1980S AND ONLY ONE UNIVERSITY OVER THAT TIME PERIOD? IS
11 INCARCERATING BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE AND MARGINALIZED GROUPS
12 OF PEOPLE FOR PROFIT MORE IMPORTANT THAN INVESTING IN
13 EDUCATION? REINVESTMENT IN SOCIAL PROGRAMS THAT UPLIFT,
14 EDUCATE, EMPOWER, AND UNIFY THE COMMUNITY IS A MORE
15 SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION THAN TO CONTINUE WITH THE CURRENT RATE OF
16 INCARCERATION IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND BEFORE THE NEXT PERSON
19 SPEAKS, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL UP THE NEXT
20 SPEAKERS?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, WOULD THE FOLLOWING
23 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.
24 EZAK PEREZ, MATEO NAGASSI, LEX STEPPLING, KENNETH KING,

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1 EUNISSES HERNANDEZ, RICCA PRASAD, AND WEST SEEGMILLER, PLEASE
2 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

3

4 **JEREMY TRAMER:** HI, MY NAME IS JEREMY TRAMER. I LIVE IN
5 DISTRICT 3. AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE MIRA LOMA
6 JAIL. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INCARCERATES A HIGHER
7 NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. BUT
8 THERE'S ONLY TWO OTHER COUNTRIES THAT ARE BIGGER THAN THIS
9 COUNTRY. BUT WHAT'S REALLY SHOCKING IS THAT THIS COUNTRY ALSO
10 INCARCERATES A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF ITS POPULATION THAN ANY
11 OTHER COUNTRY ON EARTH. 1 OUT OF EVERY 138 AMERICANS IS
12 CURRENTLY INCARCERATED, A HIGHER RATE, AGAIN, THAN ANY OTHER
13 COUNTRY ON EARTH. THINK OF ANY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, THAT
14 COUNTRY INCARCERATES ITS CITIZENS AT A LOWER RATE THAN THIS
15 ONE. YOU ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS. AND THAT MAKES YOU THE PEOPLE
16 THAT CAN CHANGE THIS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS
17 ARE USING THIS POWER FOR GOOD BY TAKING STEPS AGAINST MASS
18 INCARCERATION. BUT ALL FIVE OF YOU, ALTHOUGH I SEE ONE PERSON
19 IS GONE, BUT ALL FIVE OF YOU HAVE HEARD ALL OF THESE POWERFUL
20 TESTIMONIES. AND THERE'S NO POSSIBLE WAY THAT YOU COULD STILL
21 THINK THAT THE MIRA LOMA JAIL IS SUPPOSED TO BE BUILT. AND I
22 URGE THE THREE OF YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR
23 HAHN, AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHO HAVE NOT YET DECIDED AGAINST
24 THIS MIRA LOMA JAIL, TO REALLY THINK ABOUT WHAT SIDE OF

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1 HISTORY YOU WANT TO BE ON. THANK YOU. I CEDE THE REST OF MY
2 TIME.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **TIFFANY JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TIFFANY
7 JOHNSON, AND I'M CO-DIRECTOR OF A NEW WAY OF LIFE RE-ENTRY
8 PROJECT. AS CO-DIRECTOR, I AM ALSO A WOMAN WHO HAVE BEEN
9 THROUGH THE INCARCERATION SYSTEM. I SERVED 16 YEARS ON A 15 TO
10 LIFE SENTENCE. I HAD TO SERVE MY TIME IN CHOWCHILLA,
11 CALIFORNIA, WHICH WAS EXTREMELY FAR FROM MY FAMILY TO COME AND
12 VISIT ME. YOU KNOW, WITH THE BUILD OF MIRA LOMA AND THE
13 CONSTRUCTION OF MIRA LOMA, I KNOW THAT THE MAIN CONCERN IS THE
14 WOMEN WHO ARE GOING TO BE HOUSED THERE. MOST OF THESE WOMEN
15 HAVE CHILDREN, CHILDREN THAT ARE VERY SMALL WHO ARE STILL IN
16 THEIR CARE, CHILDREN WHO DESERVE TO BE LOVED BY THEIR MOTHER.
17 I THINK IT IS ABSOLUTELY ABSURD TO TAKE THESE WOMEN AND SHIP
18 THEM OFF TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY BECAUSE MIRA LOMA, EVEN THOUGH
19 IT'S IN LANCASTER, IT IS A FOREIGN COUNTRY TO MOST OF THE
20 FAMILIES WHO ARE GOING TO BE REPRESENTED THERE. THE WOMEN WHO
21 ARE GOING TO BE HOUSED THERE NOT ONLY HAVE CHILDREN, THEY HAVE
22 MOTHERS. THEY HAVE UNCLES. THEY HAVE AUNTIES, ALL OF WHICH
23 CARE FOR THEM. IT'S GOING TO BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY OF
24 THEM TO GO AND VISIT THEM, FOR ANY OF THEM TO GO AND ENCOURAGE
25 THEM TO SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR TIME OF NEED BECAUSE BEING

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1 LOCKED UP IN THEIR FACILITIES NO MATTER HOW GRANDEUR YOU GUYS
2 MAKE THEM TO BE IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILD OF IT AND
3 ALL THESE SERVICES THAT THEY SAY IS GOING TO HAPPEN, THAT IS
4 PRISON. YOU ARE BEING TORTURED. YOU ARE BEING STRIPPED OF YOUR
5 HUMANITY. SO IN ORDER FOR US TO FOCUS ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION
6 AS WE ALL SET FORTH TO DO WITH THIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, I
7 THINK IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE'RE NOT
8 ONLY SHIPPING THESE WOMEN TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY, WE ARE PUTTING
9 SO MUCH PRESSURE ON OUR CHILDREN. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR
10 TIME.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **INGRID ARCHIE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS INGRID
15 ARCHIE. I AM THE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR AT A NEW WAY OF
16 LIFE RE-ENTRY PROJECT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION
17 OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MIRA LOMA WOMEN'S FACILITY AND THE
18 \$2 BILLION FUND USED TO BUILD SUCH A FACILITY. THE CULTURE OF
19 THIS COUNTRY AND OF THIS COUNTY IS TO OVERINCARCERATE WOMEN
20 AND UNDERREHABILITATE OUR POPULATION ONCE WOMEN RE-ENTER BACK
21 INTO SOCIETY. WE HAVE SEEN COUNTLESS REPORTS AND DATA THAT
22 PROVE WOMEN ARE BEING LOCKED UP AND STRIPPED AWAY FROM OUR
23 COMMUNITIES IN ASTRONOMICAL NUMBERS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
24 UNDERSTAND THE MANY FAILURES OUR WOMEN HAVE ENCOUNTERED, A
25 FAILED PROBATION SYSTEM, A FAILED D.C.F.S. SYSTEM THAT IS USED

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1 TO FUNNEL OUR CHILDREN INTO A SYSTEM THAT CREATES A PIPELINE
2 TO FURTHER FUEL MASS INCARCERATION. INSTEAD OF BUILDING CAGES,
3 WE CAN USE THIS MONEY TO HELP WOMEN REUNIFY WITH THEIR
4 CHILDREN AFTER INCARCERATION, AFFORDABLE AND PERMANENT
5 HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN
6 EXPOSED TO SEXUAL ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, JOB TRAINING
7 PROGRAMS, AND PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP,
8 ONGOING RECOVERY, AND ALSO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND TREATMENT
9 PROGRAMS, AND ADEQUATE HEALTHCARE FOR WOMEN WITH SPECIAL
10 NEEDS. IT IS TIME THAT WE SHIFT THE PARADIGM TO INCARCERATE
11 POOR WOMEN JUST FOR SURVIVING AND MOVE TOWARD A SHARED SAFETY
12 NARRATIVE THAT WILL FACILITATE A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO
13 PROVIDING WOMEN WITH A FUTURE AND SAFE PLACES TO EXIST IN OUR
14 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **IVETTE ALE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS IVETTE ALE.
19 I'M ONE OF THE STATEWIDE COORDINATORS OF CALIFORNIANS UNITED
20 FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. AND I AM PART OF THE JUSTICE L.A.
21 COALITION. I FIRST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HER
22 LEADERSHIP ON THE ISSUE REGARDING THE MIRA LOMA JAIL AS WELL
23 AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YOU TWO REPRESENT TWO OF THE MOST
24 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES THAT ARE FEEDING OUR JAILS, OUR
25 L.G.B.T.Q.+ WOMEN AND LATINX WOMEN. A REPORT THAT WAS JUST

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1 RELEASED TODAY BY THE MILLION DOLLARS HOODS PROJECT SHOWED
2 THAT 44 PERCENT OF PEOPLE INSIDE OF OUR WOMEN'S JAILS
3 IDENTIFIES AS LATINX. AND NATIONAL STUDIES SHOW THAT 36
4 PERCENT OF PEOPLE INSIDE WOMEN'S JAILS IDENTIFY AS L.G.B.
5 THOSE NUMBERS STAND TO BE EVEN HIGHER HERE IN L.A. THAT STUDY
6 THE DIDN'T EVEN INCLUDE TRANS WOMEN. AND L.A. IS ONE OF THE
7 HIGHEST CONCENTRATIONS OF L.G.B.T.Q. PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR
8 YOUR LEADERSHIP. AS A LATINX QUEER WOMAN, I LOOK TO YOU TO
9 STAND ON THESE ISSUES FOR THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE BEING MOST
10 IMPACTED. HOWEVER, I DO WANT TO PUSH BACK ON THE IDEA THAT ANY
11 JAIL IS GENDER-RESPONSIVE, THAT ANY TYPE OF INCARCERATION IS
12 ACTUALLY GOING TO PROVIDE THE REHABILITATION AND SERVICES THAT
13 OUR COMMUNITIES NEED. WE NEED THOSE SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY.
14 WE NEED \$3.5 BILLION INVESTED HERE IN L.A., HERE IN SOUTH
15 L.A., WHICH IS BEING DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED, AS WELL,
16 SUPERVISOR THOMAS, AS YOU KNOW. WE NEED YOU TO TAKE A STAND
17 WITH BLACK WOMEN, WITH BLACK TRANS WOMEN, THAT ARE FEEDING
18 THESE JAILS, THAT ARE BEING CRIMINALIZED ON THE STREETS. WE
19 NEED ALL THE WOMEN ON THIS BOARD TO TAKE A STAND AROUND
20 INCARCERATING WOMEN BECAUSE YOU ARE IMPACTING THE CHILDREN OF
21 THOSE WOMEN AS WELL. AS SOMEONE THAT GREW UP WITH AN
22 INCARCERATED PARENT, I KNOW THE IMPACTS ON CHILDREN. MY FAMILY
23 WAS HOMELESS AS A RESULT. WE ARE UNDOCUMENTED WITH LITTLE TO
24 NO SERVICES. BUT IF WE ARE INVESTING BILLIONS IN OUR MOST

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1 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENT LOS ANGELES
2 FOR OUR NEXT GENERATION. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **KIM DAVIS:** HELLO, MY NAME IS KIM DAVIS. I'M A LOS ANGELES
7 CONSTITUENT. AND I'M HERE TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING ME
8 AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK MY TRUTH TODAY. I WANT TO THANK SHEILA
9 KUEHL WHO I VOTED FOR IN MY DISTRICT AS WELL AS HILDA SOLIS,
10 AS WELL. I AM SO INCREDIBLY MOVED BY ALL OF THE TESTIMONIES
11 I'VE HEARD HERE TODAY. AND I AM ANOTHER PERSON ASKING YOU TO
12 PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR STAY ON FUNDING THIS PRISON. WE KNOW THIS
13 DOESN'T -- THIS IS A SYSTEM THAT IS FAR TOO BROKEN AND DOES
14 NOT HELP OUR COMMUNITIES. I WORK AND I VOLUNTEER FOR A
15 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY CALLED THE ALEXANDRIA HOUSE IN
16 KOREATOWN. WE HOUSE OVER 20 MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN WHO ARE
17 COMING OUT OF THE PRISON SYSTEM. THEY ARE COMING OUT OF
18 HOMELESSNESS. AND THIS FACILITY PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
19 WOMEN TO GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. WE PROVIDE GROUP THERAPY. WE
20 PROVIDE JOB TRAINING. WE PROVIDE COUNSELING FOR WOMEN COMING
21 OUT OF THESE SYSTEMS. AND WE TURN DOWN OVER 500 APPLICATIONS A
22 MONTH. AND I THINK ABOUT ALL OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN THAT
23 ARE BENEFITING IN THIS ONE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY. THE
24 IDEA THAT THE MONEY FROM THIS PRISON SYSTEM, IF IT COULD BE
25 ALLOCATED SO THERE WERE TRANSITIONAL HOMES IN EVERY COMMUNITY,

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1 THE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT THAT THIS HOUSE PROVIDES TO THIS
2 COMMUNITY IS UNFOUNDED. AND THE RE-ALLOCATION OF THESE TYPES
3 OF FUNDS WOULD BE INCREDIBLY IMPACTFUL. AND SO THANK YOU VERY
4 MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND THE CONSIDERATION OF PUTTING A STAY ON
5 THIS PRISON SYSTEM AND IMAGINING A DIFFERENT LOS ANGELES AND
6 PUTTING MONEY IN DIFFERENT PLACES AND INVESTING IN OUR
7 CHILDREN AND OUR EDUCATION SYSTEMS RATHER THAN OUR PRISON
8 SYSTEM. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9

10 **REEGIE BUNCH:** MY NAME IS REEGIE BUNCH. I'M WITH DIGNITY AND
11 POWER NOW, WHICH IS A MEMBER OF THE COALITION JUSTICE L.A. AND
12 I STAND HERE TODAY BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY IS AT A BEAUTIFUL
13 MOMENT TO DECIDE FOR DIVERSION VERSUS BUILDING ANOTHER
14 UNNECESSARY BUILDING THAT DOES UNNECESSARY HARM AND DOES
15 UNNECESSARY TRAUMA INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. THROUGH DIVERSION,
16 DECRIMINALIZATION, BAIL REFORM, AND INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY-
17 BASED RESOURCES, L.A. COUNTY CAN LOWER ITS JAIL POPULATION
18 SIZE. AND THE WOMEN'S JAIL THAT THE COUNTY IS ABOUT TO LOOK AT
19 AND VOTE ON HAS PROVEN TO BE NO REAL SOURCE OF SOLUTION FOR
20 ANYBODY IN L.A. COUNTY, FROM THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY TO -- FROM
21 ANY VULNERABLE COMMUNITY. NO ONE IS SAYING BUILD ANOTHER JAIL.
22 WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING IS BUILD -- GIVE MORE ACCESS TO
23 EDUCATION, ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT THAT IS PLAGUING
24 OUR COMMUNITIES, ACCESS BETTER JOBS, ACCESS TO LIVING WAGE
25 JOBS, ACCESS TO OUR FAMILIES. NO MORE JAILS, NO MORE POLICE

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1 INSIDE OF OUR SCHOOLS, EXCHANGING AND TRANSITIONING FROM
2 INCARCERATION TO COMMUNITY, NO MORE BUILDING STATE
3 PENITENTIARIES, BUT BUILDING MORE PENN STATE. NO MORE BUILDING
4 HOUSES OF TRAUMA AND TORTURE, BUT BUILDING PLACES WHERE
5 FAMILIES CAN SEE THEIR LOVED ONES, PLACES WHERE CHILDREN CAN
6 LIVE AND THRIVE. THIS IS WHY WE ARE HERE.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **NADEEKA KARUNARATNE:** MY NAME IS NADEEKA KARUNARATNE. AND I'M A
11 PH.D. STUDENT IN EDUCATION AT U.C.L.A. AND I LIVE IN
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO COMPLETELY
13 HALT THIS JAIL PLAN. IN MY WORK, I STUDY ISSUES OF SEXUAL
14 VIOLENCE. WOMEN, AND TRANS AND GENDER NONCONFORMING FOLKS IN
15 PARTICULAR, ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY SEXUAL
16 VIOLENCE. THEY EXPERIENCE HIGH RATES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE BOTH
17 INSIDE JAILS, AND THOSE THAT ARE IN PRISON ARE MORE LIKELY TO
18 BE SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE. THE
19 REPLACEMENT, AS YOU KNOW, TO THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS SLATED
20 TO BE A MENTAL JAIL. BUT L.A. COUNTY MUST INVEST IN VOLUNTARY
21 AND USER LED HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE BECAUSE CARE CANNOT
22 BE PROVIDED IN A CAGE. 75 PERCENT OF WOMEN IMPRISONED IN L.A.
23 COUNTY JAILS HAVE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. L.A. COUNTY JAILS ARE
24 THE LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTION IN THE WORLD. SO MUCH
25 MONEY IS ALREADY PUT INTO THESE JAILS THAT IT'S TAKING AWAY

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1 FROM COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND OTHER FORMS OF COMMUNITY
2 INVESTMENT. PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS CANNOT BE TREATED
3 IN JAIL. INSTEAD OF PUTTING EVEN MORE FUNDING INTO
4 INCARCERATING INDIVIDUALS IN COMMUNITIES, L.A. COUNTY SHOULD
5 PUT THIS \$3.5 BILLION INTO EDUCATION, YOUTH PROGRAMS, MENTAL
6 HEALTH SERVICES, SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS OF TRAUMA AND SEXUAL
7 VIOLENCE, AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT OF ALL KINDS. THANK YOU TO
8 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR TAKING PUBLIC STANCES AGAINST
9 THE WOMEN'S JAIL'S CONSTRUCTION. AND I ENCOURAGE ALL
10 SUPERVISORS TO JOIN THEM AND FOR THIS BOARD TO STOP THIS JAIL
11 PLAN. THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14
15 **ETHER LIM:** ESTHER LIM, JAILS PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR THE A.C.L.U.
16 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. GOOD MORNING. TODAY, WE HAVE HEARD AND
17 WILL CONTINUE TO HEAR FROM TESTIMONIES FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE
18 BEEN IMPACTED BY OUR CRIMINAL INJUSTICE SYSTEM AND BY PEOPLE
19 WHO WANT TO BRING JUSTICE BACK INTO THAT SYSTEM. THANK YOU TO
20 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN STOPPING
21 THE MIRA LOMA JAIL PLAN AS IT STANDS. WE ASK THAT THE OTHER
22 SUPERVISORS TAKE THE SAME STANCE. MIRA LOMA, HOWEVER, IS NOT
23 THE ONLY JAIL PLAN IN FRONT OF L.A. TODAY. C.C.T.F. IS A
24 MISTAKE THAT WILL COST US BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. WE HAVE TOO
25 MANY PENDING MOTIONS, TOO MANY PENDING STUDIES, UNANSWERED

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1 QUESTIONS. WE HAVE ALSO RELIED TOO HEAVILY ON SOLUTIONS THAT
2 INVOLVE INCARCERATION AND NOT ON ALTERNATIVES, DIVERSION, AND
3 COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING. THE TWO SETS OF LETTERS THAT I'LL
4 BE PROVIDING YOU TODAY WILL GO INTO MORE REASONS WHY THE
5 A.C.L.U. OPPOSES BOTH MIRA LOMA AND C.C.T.F. WE ASK THIS BOARD
6 TO STOP THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION AND MORE JAILS, BUT TAKE AN
7 UNPRECEDENTED STANCE AND SAY YES TO PEOPLE. NO JAILS. THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **EZAK PEREZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS EZAK PEREZ. AND I'M ACTUALLY
13 HERE ON BEHALF OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION, BUT I'M ALSO
14 HERE ON BEHALF OF GENDER JUSTICE L.A. WE ARE A TRANS-LED BY
15 AND FOR ORGANIZATION, ACTUALLY THE LONGEST RUNNING TRANS-LED.
16 AND WE'VE BEEN AROUND FOR 17 YEARS. A LOT OF OUR COMMUNITY
17 MEMBERS COME FROM, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE BEING PUSHED OUT OF
18 THEIR HOUSES, SCHOOLS, AND A LOT OF THEM ARE TARGETS AND END
19 UP IN THE POLICE STATE, IN PRISON. SO I WANTED TO JUST LET
20 FOLKS KNOW THAT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE INVESTING IN
21 OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE TRANS AND
22 GENDER NONCONFORMING TO SPIRIT INTERSEX COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AND
23 I WANTED TO ALSO THANK SHEILA KUEHL AND HILDA SOLIS. I WANTED
24 TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR TAKING THE LEAD. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT,
25 SHEILA KUEHL, YOU DON'T KNOW ME, BUT I ACTUALLY GAVE YOU AN

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1 AWARD FROM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES. WE HAD A
2 VISIBILITY PROJECT. AND YOU WERE ONE OF THE FOLKS THAT THEY
3 WANTED TO HONOR. AND SO I HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO GIVE YOU THAT
4 AWARD. YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TODAY FOR THE
5 STUDENTS, FOR THESE YOUTH, THAT THEY SEE THAT AN ADULT,
6 SOMEONE WHO IS ACTUALLY TAKING THEIR CARE INTO CONSIDERATION
7 AND REALLY, YOU KNOW, THINKING ABOUT THEIR FUTURE. SO THANK
8 YOU FOR THAT. AND AS PART OF THE L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY, IT'S
9 REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE ADVOCATES IN POSITIONS OF POWER
10 THAT ARE REALLY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE L.G.B.T.Q.
11 COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.
12 AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S REALLY
13 IMPORTANT TO DIVEST FROM THE JAILS. I DO NOT BELIEVE IN
14 PRISONS. I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET WELL IN PRISONS. OUR
15 COMMUNITIES, YOU KNOW, NEED MORE THAN JUST JAILS. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **LEX STEPPLING:** HI, MY NAME IS LEX STEPPLING. I'M THE DIRECTOR
20 OF CAMPAIGNS AND POLICY DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. WE ARE A MEMBER
21 OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I THINK THAT WHEN YOU LEAD THE
22 WORLD IN SOMETHING AND THAT SOMETHING IS INCARCERATION THAT WE
23 NEED TO FIND A STARTING POINT TO ROLL THAT BACK. I DO NOT WANT
24 TO LIVE IN MY HOMETOWN, IN MY HOME COUNTY, AND LEAD THE WORLD
25 IN JAILING. AND TO SAY THAT, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY LIVING IN A

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1 COUNTY THAT HAS BEEN VOTING IN FAVOR OF A \$3.5 BILLION JAIL
2 EXPANSION, IS A CONTRADICTION I'D LIKE TO SEE GO AWAY. I WOULD
3 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR YOUR RIGHTFUL
4 AND JUSTIFIED CONCERN AROUND MIRA LOMA. THERE ARE SOMETIMES
5 NUANCED AND SOMETIMES THERE'S NOT. AND AROUND THIS, THERE IS
6 NOT NUANCE. IT'S QUITE FRANKLY BAD. AND IT GOES AGAINST
7 EVERYTHING THAT OFFICES LIKE YOURS CLAIM TO STAND FOR WITH
8 REGARDS TO PROTECTING HUMAN DIGNITY. IT'S BEEN VERY MOVING FOR
9 ME TO HEAR THE COALITION MEMBERS SHARING PERSONAL STORIES. WE
10 DID NOT MEET OUTSIDE AND DECIDE DO THAT. I THINK PEOPLE
11 WITNESSING THE CRACKS AND THE CHANGES AND THE MOMENTUM AROUND
12 DOING THE RIGHT THING IS OPENING PEOPLE UP. AS SOMEBODY WHO
13 ALSO HAD A PARENT THAT WAS INCARCERATED, HAS A PARENT WHO'S
14 CURRENTLY INCARCERATED, HAS A SIBLING WHO WAS INCARCERATED AND
15 NOW ON THE STREETS ALL AS A RESULT OF THESE MISGUIDED
16 POLICIES, IT'S NOT A COMPLICATED THING FOR US TO STAND HERE
17 AND SAY WE WANT SOMETHING DIFFERENT. WE KNOW THAT INVESTING IN
18 YOUNG PEOPLE WORKS. WE KNOW THAT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WORKS. WE
19 KNOW THAT PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS. THESE THINGS WORK TEN TIMES OUT
20 OF TEN. THEY'VE WORKED HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THE SPEAKER JUST
21 MENTIONED IN GIVING AN AWARD FROM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS
22 ANGELES, I WAS A MEMBER OF THE HOLLYWOOD TEAM COMMUNITY
23 PROJECT IN THE '90S THAT WAS INVESTING IN YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
24 DIDN'T HAVE OPPORTUNITIES. THOSE THINGS WORK. SO WE HAVE ALL
25 THE EVIDENCE. WE HAVE ALL THE STORIES. WE HAVE ALL OF THE

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1 EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE. AND WE CAN START ROLLING BACK THIS
2 DUBIOUS DISTINCTION OF BEING THE WORLD'S LEADER IN JAILING.
3 AND BY JAILING, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TORTURE. WE'RE TALKING
4 ABOUT TRAUMA. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FAMILY SEPARATION. SO,
5 THANK YOU AND ONWARD.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **MATEO NAGASSI:** HI, MY NAME IS MATEO NAGASSI. I ACTUALLY LIVE
10 DOWN HERE ON EIGHTH AND SPRING. I KIND OF SEE THE REMNANTS
11 AROUND ALL THIS INCARCERATION, THE HOMELESS, THE UNWELL, WHICH
12 IS WHERE \$3.5 BILLION CAN BE, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT ROCKET
13 SCIENCE. I'M NOT HERE TO THANK YOU UNTIL AFTER THIS IS
14 DEFEATED. SO YOU DON'T DESERVE THANKS UNTIL YOU DEFEAT THIS. I
15 AM AN ACTIVIST. I HAVE AN EVOLUTIONIST. I DON'T EVEN WANT TO
16 BE HERE, BUT I'M HERE. I HAVE TWO BROTHERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY
17 IN PRISON, RIGHT? 20 AND 24 YEARS. OKAY. FOR NONVIOLENT DRUG
18 OFFENSES, RIGHT? MY BROTHER'S A FIREFIGHTER. HE DOESN'T NEED
19 TO BE A FIREFIGHTER IN YOUR PRISONS. HE SHOULD BE AT HOME WITH
20 MY MOM, OKAY? I HAVE ANOTHER BROTHER IN PRISON, RIGHT? FOR 24
21 YEARS. HE DOESN'T BELONG THERE. THEY BELONG AT HOME WITH OUR
22 MOM. THEY'RE ALREADY REHABILITATED. RIGHT? SO I WANT TO SAY,
23 YOU KNOW, EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT THE PROGRESSIVENESS OF
24 CALIFORNIA. OH, GAVIN NEWSOM. OH, WE'RE PROGRESSIVE. WE DON'T
25 WANT THAT HERE. EVEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHEN YOU WERE UP ON

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1 THAT STAGE, OH, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T DO THAT STUFF HERE. AND I'M
2 LIKE YELLING AT YOU. CLOSE YOUR JAILS. CLOSE YOUR JAILS. 22
3 PRISONS AND ONE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SINCE THE 1980S TELLS US
4 WHAT YOU VALUE. IT'S WHAT WE ALL VALUE, WHAT WE SPEND OUR
5 MONEY ON, OKAY? SO LET'S REMOVE THE FACADE THAT CALIFORNIA IS
6 THIS PROGRESSIVE PLACE. IT IS THE BIGGEST JAILER IN THE WORLD.
7 AND PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS WHAT YOU VALUE. SO
8 IF YOU NO LONGER VALUE, THEN YOU'LL DEFEAT THIS MEASURE,
9 RIGHT?

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **KENNETH KING:** MY NAME IS KENNETH KING. TO BE HONEST WITH YOU,
14 ACTUALLY I CAME HERE TO VISIT, BUT THEN MY WIFE GOT LOCKED UP.
15 SHE IN PRISON RIGHT NOW. LONG STORY SHORT, THE WAY I FEEL
16 ABOUT THIS \$3.5 BILLION INVESTMENT, I KNOW IT'S AN INVESTMENT.
17 IT'S BIG BUSINESS. LET'S BE REAL. I TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH IT
18 FOR THE SIMPLE FACT THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE BLACK POPULATION,
19 AS WELL AS BROWN POPULATION, YOU COULD SEE IT'S PSYCHOLOGICAL
20 DAMAGE GOING ON WITH THE PEOPLE. SO THERE'S ALWAYS A BETTER
21 WAY TO MAKE THINGS BETTER INSTEAD OF PUTTING PEOPLE IN PRISON.
22 IF YOU LOOK AT A ZOO, YOU'VE GOT ANIMALS. YOU PUT THE ANIMAL
23 IN A CAGE, YOU TAKE THEM OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE. WHAT DO
24 YOU EXPECT THEM TO ACT LIKE? YOU SEE WHAT I'M SAYING? SO I'M
25 TOTALLY AGAINST. I GOT A WIFE IN JAIL RIGHT NOW, SHE CAN'T GET

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1 OUT. SHE'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN OUT NINE DAYS, AND THEY'RE
2 STILL TRYING TO HOLD HER. SO THE WAY I FEEL, IT'S NOTHING BUT
3 AN INVESTMENT. INSTEAD OF TRYING TO MAKE A BETTER WAY FOR THE
4 PEOPLE, YOU'RE LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR POCKETS. I DON'T HAVE
5 NOTHING ELSE TO SAY. I'M GOING TO JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE THE NEXT PERSON SPEAKS, I
8 THINK WE HAVE ONE MORE PERSON TO CALL UP.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD ADAM SMITH PLEASE COME
11 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. GO AHEAD.

14

15 **RICCA PRASAD:** MY NAME IS RICCA PRASAD. AND I AM THE PROJECT
16 ASSISTANT FOR THE MIRA LOMA WOMEN'S JAIL PROJECT AT THE
17 HARRIET VIEW HIGH CENTER FOR FAMILY LAW. WE HAVE WRITTEN A
18 REPORT ABOUT THE MIRA LOMA PLAN, WHICH WE PROVIDED A COPY OF
19 TO BE ENTERED INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD. IT DISCUSSES MANY OF THE
20 ISSUES BROUGHT UP TODAY AND PROVIDES RECOMMENDATIONS THAT
21 FOCUS ON WHAT WE SEE AS POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE AT
22 THE PRESENT MOMENT. WE SUPPORT THE BOARD'S DECISION TO REVIEW
23 THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING A LOCATION FOR A NEW WOMEN'S JAIL.
24 MIRA LOMA IS TWO HOURS AWAY FROM SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. BY CAR AND
25 TAKES UP TO HALF A DAY TO REACH BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FROM

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1 OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO
2 INVESTIGATE OTHER OPTIONS FOR THE WOMEN'S JAIL THAT WOULD BE
3 MORE ACCESSIBLE BY A DIVERSE GROUP OF VISITORS AND SERVICE
4 PROVIDERS. THE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON EARLY DIVERSION TO REDUCE
5 THE POPULATION. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT PLANNING FOR A NEW
6 WOMEN'S JAIL MUST BE GUIDED BY THE GOAL OF IMPROVING
7 REHABILITATION FOR WOMEN. THE COUNTY AND THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT NEED CENTRALIZED LEADERSHIP AND A CONCRETE PLAN FOR
9 CREATING A GENDER-RESPONSIVE SYSTEM. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE
10 BOARD ACCOMPLISH THIS BY HIRING AN EXPERT CONSULTANT IN THE
11 NEXT THREE MONTHS TO MAKE THE PLAN AND CREATE A FULL-TIME,
12 UNSWORN POSITION IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE NEXT
13 YEAR TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN AND SERVE AS THE PERMANENT LEADER
14 OF GENDER-RESPONSIVE IMPROVEMENTS. WE SUPPORT -- IN THE
15 MEANTIME, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT GENDER-RESPONSIVE
16 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CURRENT WOMEN'S JAIL AT C.R.D.F. ARE
17 POSSIBLE, CRITICAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AND MUST MOVE FORWARD.
18 THE EXPERT CONSULTANT AND THE GENDER-RESPONSIVE ADVISORY
19 COMMITTEE CAN START IMPROVING THE CURRENT SYSTEM NOW BY FIRST
20 UNDERSTANDING WHAT IS CURRENTLY GOING ON AT C.R.D.F. THE
21 G.R.A.C. SHOULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AND NOT BE DISBANDED,
22 ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE RECONFIGURED. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **WEST SEEGMILLER:** GOOD DAY. MY NAME IS WEST SEEGMILLER. I WORK
2 WITH THE COALITION TO ABOLISH SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING. AND I'M
3 ALSO A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZER WITH SEX WORKER OUTREACH PROJECT.
4 I'M HERE TO ECHO WHAT THE OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND LEADERS
5 HAVE SAID TO HALT THE CONSIDERATION OF BUILDING THIS JAIL.
6 PROSTITUTION AND SEX WORK CRIMES ARE ONE OF THE ONLY CRIMES
7 THAT WOMEN ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY CHARGED FOR COMPARED TO MEN
8 OR WHATEVER. SO WHAT I SEE JUST ON A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL, AS
9 WELL AS A PERSONAL LEVEL, IS THAT THIS REVOLVING DOOR SYSTEM
10 THAT WOMEN THAT ARE CHARGED, THAT ARE ENGAGED IN SURVIVAL
11 CRIME, SEX WORK, WHATEVER TERM YOU WANT TO USE, DOES NOT
12 REHABILITATE THEM. I UNDERSTAND THE PRETENSE OF THIS JAIL IS
13 TO HAVE COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, BLAH, BLAH,
14 BLAH, TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THESE SORT OF CYCLICAL PATTERNS
15 THAT SOME PEOPLE MAY SAY SEX WORK IS LIKE ONE OF THOSE
16 SITUATIONS. BUT WHAT I KNOW FOR A FACT, JUST AS SOMEONE THAT
17 WORKS IN THE FIELD, IS THAT WE NEED THIS MONEY IN THE
18 COMMUNITY BEFORE PEOPLE ARE CHARGED. WE NEED DIVERSION
19 PROGRAMS, AND WE NEED COMPREHENSIVE RE-EVALUATIONS OF THE LAWS
20 THAT CRIMINALIZE PEOPLE FOR SURVIVAL CRIMES IN THE FIRST
21 PLACE. YOU CANNOT GET WELL IN A CELL. IT'S ON THE BACK OF ALL
22 OF OUR SHIRTS FOR THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION FOR A REASON
23 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT AS SERVICE PROVIDERS. WE KNOW THAT AS
24 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, THAT REHABILITATION DOES NOT HAPPEN IN A
25 JAIL NO MATTER HOW WELL, YOU KNOW, THE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

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1 ARE WITHIN THERE. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE
2 COUNCILMEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY PUT THIS ON HOLD. AND I
3 ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO FOLLOW THEIR LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU VERY
4 MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EUNESSES
9 HERNANDEZ. I'M THE L.A. CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR FOR JUST
10 LEADERSHIP U.S.A. I'M ALSO A RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT
11 AND A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I WANT TO START
12 OFF BY THANKING SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
13 TAKING THIS INCREDIBLE STEP FORWARD. BUT I'M ALSO HERE TO URGE
14 THE OTHER MEMBERS TO RECONSIDER THEIR THOUGHTS ON IT AND ALSO
15 MOVE FORWARD IN OPPOSITION WITH THE MIRA LOMA PLAN AND THE
16 MENTAL HEALTH JAIL PLAN. WE'RE IN A MOMENT RIGHT NOW WHEN
17 TRUMP WANTS TO BUILD A WALL WITHOUT ANY REAL DATA THAT THE
18 WALL IS NEEDED OR THAT THE WALL WILL WORK. MOVING FORWARD WITH
19 THE MENTAL HEALTH JAIL, WHILE KNOWING THAT PEOPLE CAN'T GET
20 WELL IN A CELL, IS LIKE MOVING FORWARD WITH AN INEFFECTIVE
21 WALL. ONE THING I ALSO WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS URGING Y'ALL TO
22 INVEST IN O.D.R. IN THE CONVERSATIONS THAT WE HAD WITH PEOPLE
23 AND OFFICIALS IN THE COUNTY, THEY KIND OF REFER TO IT STILL
24 AS AN EXPERIMENTAL DEPARTMENT. IF Y'ALL COULD REALLY LOOK AT
25 THE DETAILS ON WHAT THEY'RE DOING, THEY'VE ALREADY DIVERTED

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1 OVER 2,000 PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OUT OF OUR
2 JAIL SYSTEM. WE NEED TO REALLY BUILD UP THOSE SERVICES BUT
3 ALSO COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. AS A COALITION, WE'VE ALSO HAD
4 CONVERSATIONS AND MEETINGS WITH THE NEW SHERIFF VILLANUEVA.
5 AND SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH US AND
6 CONVERSATIONS THAT HE'S HAD WITH THE MEDIA, HE'S COME OUT IN
7 OPPOSITION TO MIRA LOMA AND ALSO REALLY WANTS TO PUSH THE
8 INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES.
9 INVESTING -- AND SO, IF YOU ALL HAVEN'T MET WITH HIM, YOU
10 SHOULD MEET WITH HIM BECAUSE HE'S ON IT. INVESTING \$3.5
11 BILLION IN NEW JAILS WHILE THE NEED FOR MENTAL HEALTH
12 SERVICES, HOUSING, AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IS SO GREAT
13 IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT THERE'S WAITING PERIODS, THERE IS
14 STILL WAITING PERIODS EVEN WITH PROP 47 AND OTHER LAWS THAT
15 HAVE PASSED. SO WE REALLY NEED TO BUILD UP THOSE CAPACITIES.
16 BUT USING THAT MONEY FOR JAILS INSTEAD OF BUILDING CAPACITY IN
17 OUR COMMUNITIES IS LIKE TURNING YOUR BACK ON A COMMUNITY
18 BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE NEEDS. AND THROWING AWAY THAT MONEY IS
19 TERRIBLE. BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** OH, ALSO THE MILLION DOLLARS HOODS PROJECT
24 REPORT, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IT WITH YOU ALL. AND THERE'S
25 ENOUGH FOR EVERYBODY.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD. WE WILL ALL LOOK AT
3 THAT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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5 **ADAM SMITH:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S ADAM SMITH. I'M AN
6 ORGANIZATION WITH WHITE PEOPLE FOR BLACK LIVES. I'M HAPPY TO
7 HEAR THAT BOTH SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS ARE AGAINST THE
8 MIRA LOMA JAIL PLAN. I'M WAITING ON MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, IS THIS
9 ON? TAKE YOUR TIME. OPPOSING THE MIRA LOMA PLAN ISN'T GOOD
10 ENOUGH, UNFORTUNATELY. A PREVIOUS SPEAKER TALKED ABOUT THEIR
11 OPPOSITION TO THE MIRA LOMA PLAN BECAUSE OF ITS ACCESSIBILITY
12 TO FOLKS IN SOUTH CENTRAL. BUT COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
13 HISTORICALLY TARGETED BY CRIMINALIZATION AND END UP IN JAILS
14 DON'T NEED BETTER ACCESSIBILITY TO JAILS. THEY NEED BETTER
15 ACCESSIBILITY TO PROGRAMS THAT'LL ACTUALLY MAKE SAFER
16 COMMUNITIES, REAL HEALTHCARE, JOBS PROGRAMS, ET CETERA, ET
17 CETERA, THINGS THAT FOLKS CONTINUE TO BRING UP TODAY. I'M GLAD
18 Y'ALL GOT A COPY OF THAT STUDY FROM MILLION DOLLARS HOODS. ITS
19 FOUNDER, KELLY LYTTLE HERNANDEZ, WROTE AN INCREDIBLE BOOK
20 CALLED "CITY OF INMATES," WHICH I HOPE SOME OF YOU HAVE HEARD
21 OF AND READ. I SUGGEST THAT YOU DO BECAUSE IT SPEAKS TO WHAT
22 COLLEAGUES AT THE STOP L.A.P.D. SPYING COALITION BRING UP
23 REGULARLY REGARDING POLICING AND THE PRISON SYSTEM IS THAT
24 THIS ISN'T A NEW -- BUILDING MORE JAILS, WHETHER YOU CALL THEM
25 MENTAL HEALTH JAILS OR WHATEVER, ISN'T A NEW THING. IT'S A

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1 CONTINUATION OF HISTORY. WE LOOK BACK TO THE FOUNDING OF LOS
2 ANGELES. THIS BOARD AND THE CHAIN GANG THAT IT RAN AROUND THE
3 TURN OF THE CENTURY, THE 20TH CENTURY, AND HOW THIS CITY AND
4 THIS COUNTY HAS ALWAYS OTHER-IZED COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO
5 CRIMINALIZE THEM AND THEN, IN TURN, INCARCERATE THEM. SO, NO
6 NEW JAILS. NO MIRA LOMA. NO NEW JAILS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE WE'RE GOING GO TO
9 LANCASTER AT THIS MOMENT. HELLO, LANCASTER. HELLO. GO AHEAD.

10

11 **MATTHEW WHEELER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MATTHEW WHEELER. AND I LIVE
12 IN KATHRYN BARGER'S DISTRICT. AND I LIVE ABOUT A MILE AWAY
13 FROM THE JAIL SITE. YOU KNOW, I SUFFER FROM KIDNEY FAILURE.
14 AND MY IMMUNE SYSTEM IS NOT THAT GREAT. AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE
15 GETTING VALLEY FEVER BECAUSE THE L.A. COUNTY FEELS LIKE
16 INCARCERATING PEOPLE AND SPENDING \$3.5 BILLION ON A JAIL THAT
17 WE DON'T NEED. THERE ARE LITERALLY PEOPLE LIVING IN BUSHES
18 AROUND MIRA LOMA, THE SITE THAT YOU WANT TO BUILD ON. WHY
19 CAN'T WE INVEST THAT MONEY INTO HOUSING FOR THESE PEOPLE? YOU
20 KNOW, WE CAN'T CALL THIS AN A GENDER-RESPONSIVE JAIL WHEN
21 YOU'RE THROWING TRANS WOMEN IN JAIL WITH MEN. YOU KNOW, IT'S
22 INSANE. THE CITIZENS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND LANCASTER CAN
23 GIVE YOU A LAUNDRY LIST OF THINGS THAT WE WOULD RATHER SEE YOU
24 INVEST -- THAT WE WOULD RATHER YOU INVEST \$3.5 BILLION INTO
25 THAN THIS JAIL. WE NEED CARE FOR OUR PEOPLE. WE NEED HOUSING

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1 FOR OUR HOMELESS BROTHERS AND SISTERS. WE NEED MENTAL
2 HEALTHCARE. WE NEED COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO BE BUILDING
3 COMMUNITY AND NOT INCARCERATING PEOPLE. AND IT'S JUST REALLY -
4 - IT'S INSANE THAT WE'RE EVEN DISCUSSING THIS, YOU KNOW, WITH
5 THE HOMELESS EPIDEMIC THAT WE ARE FACING. AND I REALLY
6 APPRECIATE, YOU KNOW, HILDA SOLIS AND SHEILA KUEHL FOR
7 STEPPING UP AND BEING LEADERS IN THIS AND OPPOSING THE NEW
8 JAIL. I JUST WISH THAT MY SUPERVISOR, KATHRYN BARGER, WOULD DO
9 THE SAME THING. BUT, YOU KNOW, 2020 IS AROUND THE CORNER. AND
10 WE'VE ALREADY FLIPPED THIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ONCE. AND
11 WE'LL FLIP OUR L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IS THAT THE END OF THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS?
14 THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, AND I KNOW TWO OF MY COLLEAGUES WANT
15 TO MAKE BRIEF REMARKS, BUT LET ME JUST SAY, FIRST OF ALL,
16 THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK THE TIME TODAY TO COME DOWN AND
17 SPEAK. AND MAY I SAY, I ONLY SPEAK FOR MYSELF, I DON'T SPEAK
18 FOR MY COLLEAGUES, BUT EVERY ONE OF YOU THAT SPOKE TOOK YOUR
19 TWO MINUTES AND REALLY YOU WERE VERY ARTICULATE. YOU WERE VERY
20 PASSIONATE. YOU WERE VERY BRAVE IN SHARING SOME OF YOUR OWN
21 PERSONAL LIFE STORIES. AND I KNOW I LISTENED INTENTLY TO EVERY
22 SINGLE SPEAKER TODAY. AND CERTAINLY, THERE IS A LOT TO
23 CONSIDER. AND I WILL SAY THAT, WHILE MY WONDERFUL COLLEAGUES,
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHO ALWAYS SHOW GREAT
25 LEADERSHIP, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THEY SHOWED LEADERSHIP ON

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1 THIS ITEM. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. BUT I JUST WANT EVERYONE TO
2 KNOW THAT THERE WAS A COLLECTIVE WILL OF THIS BODY. AND I
3 SPOKE TO EVERY ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES THIS WEEKEND. THERE WAS A
4 COLLECTIVE WILL TO PUT THE BRAKES ON, TO TAKE A STEP BACK, TO
5 PAUSE. AND THERE WAS A COLLECTIVE WILL TO HAVE THE
6 CONVERSATION, AGAIN, ABOUT WHAT EXACTLY WE ARE DOING, WHAT
7 EXACTLY WE WANT L.A. COUNTY TO BE KNOWN FOR. AND THERE IS A
8 NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN WHO ALSO HAS SOME IDEAS AND HEARD A LOT ON
9 HIS CAMPAIGN TRAIL TO BECOME OUR SHERIFF. AND HE ALSO WOULD
10 LIKE TO WEIGH IN ON THE ISSUES OF HOW WE ARE TREATING THE
11 WOMEN IN L.A. COUNTY WHO ARE INCARCERATED AND HIS IDEAS AS WE
12 MOVE FORWARD TO WHAT WE SHOULD ULTIMATELY DO WITH OUR MEN'S
13 CENTRAL JAIL. SO JUST KNOW THAT WE ARE LISTENING, WE HAVE
14 HEARD YOU. AND THERE IS A COLLECTIVE WILL ON THIS BODY. THIS
15 IS A NEW BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND WE KNOW THAT THE DIRECTION
16 WE'RE GOING TO GO IN IN L.A. COUNTY IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT.
17 SO I JUST WANTED EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT. I HAVE SUPERVISOR
18 KUEHL ON THE QUEUE AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. EVERYTHING THAT I MIGHT
21 SAY HAS BEEN MUCH MORE CLEARLY STATED BY THE PEOPLE WHO TOOK
22 THE TIME TO COME DOWN HERE TODAY. THERE WAS A GERMAN GENERAL
23 WHO WAS PART OF A CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE HITLER AND WAS
24 EXECUTED FOR IT AFTER IT FAILED. BUT HE SAID, "IF THE TRAIN IS
25 HEADED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, YOU DON'T ACTUALLY MAKE CHANGE

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1 BY RUNNING BACKWARDS IN THE AISLE." AND IT'S ONE OF THOSE
2 THINGS THAT SOUNDS PROFOUND. WHEN YOU SIT DOWN AND TRY TO
3 THINK WHAT WOULD I DO ON A TRAIN RUNNING IN THE WRONG
4 DIRECTION, AND I'M ON THE TRAIN AND CAN'T JUMP OUT IN FRONT OF
5 IT EXACTLY. AND JUST REALIZED, AS ALL OF YOU HAVE, BECAUSE I
6 SPENT THE FIRST 50 YEARS OF MY LIFE BEING AN ADVOCATE. I
7 DIDN'T RUN FOR OFFICE UNTIL I WAS 53. THAT ALL YOU CAN DO IS
8 YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL MOVES, WHEREVER YOU SIT, WHATEVER YOU CAN
9 SAY, WHATEVER YOU CAN DO. SO I HAVE GREAT GRATITUDE TODAY AND
10 IN THE PAST, BUT ESPECIALLY TODAY, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE
11 SPENT SO MUCH OF YOUR LIVES WORKING TO HELP OTHERS, REALLY OUT
12 OF OUR OWN EXPERIENCE MANY TIMES, BUT SAYING THERE'S MORE THAT
13 I NEED TO DO AND MORE THAT I WILL DO. SO MOSTLY WHAT I WANT TO
14 EXPRESS IS MY GRATITUDE TO YOU. IN TERMS OF HOW TO STOP THE
15 TRAIN, IT'S, AS PEOPLE ALWAYS SAY WHEN THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT
16 ELSE TO SAY, IT'S COMPLICATED. AND I REALLY SEE A WILL ON THIS
17 BOARD TO FIND BETTER SOLUTIONS. THE INVENTION OF O.D.R., OUR
18 DEVOTION TO MORE -- TO BAIL REFORM, IF WE CAN EVER GET TO IT,
19 TO MANY OTHER WAYS TO TRY TO STOP THE KINDS OF ISSUES THAT ALL
20 OF YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION OVER YEARS AND THAT WE
21 KNOW VERY WELL. WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT TO DO WITH A CRIMINAL
22 JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT STILL INSISTS ON SENTENCING PEOPLE AND
23 HOW TO BALANCE THAT AGAINST WHAT WE WANT TO DO THAT IS AN
24 ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION. BUT I CAN SAY TO YOU FOR MY
25 PART, I WANT TO CONTINUE TO FIND THE KINDS OF SOLUTIONS THAT

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1 YOU WANT AND HAVE ADVOCATED FOR BECAUSE THEY ARE DEFINITELY
2 PART OF MY PHILOSOPHIES, AS WELL. SO THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU
3 TO MY COLLEAGUES. IT'S INTERESTING BEING IN GOVERNMENT. I JUST
4 SAW THE RUTH BADER GINSBURG MOVIE FOR THE SECOND TIME. I'VE
5 SEEN THE DOCUMENTARY FOUR TIMES, BUT THIS NEW ONE. AND I'M
6 JUST REALLY STRUCK BY HOW ADVOCACY CHANGES THE TIMES AND THE
7 MINDS OF PEOPLE. AND THOSE WHO ARE THEN IN A POSITION TO
8 CHANGE THE LAW RELY ON IT, DEPEND ON IT, AND CAN ACT ON IT,
9 BUT NEVER WITHOUT IT. SO DEEPEST THANKS TO YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR FOR INDULGING US. AND I
14 REALLY WANT TO THANK THE AUDIENCE AND THE INDIVIDUALS THAT
15 TOOK THE TIME TO SHARE THEIR VERY INTIMATE AND PERSONAL
16 THOUGHTS AND EXPERIENCES WITH OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM AND THE FACT
17 THAT THEY ARE HERE TO SPEAK UP AGAIN. OFTENTIMES, IT TAKES A
18 VILLAGE TO COLLECTIVELY GET OUR THOUGHTS AROUND WHERE WE NEED
19 TO FOCUS. AND I HAVE BEEN, SINCE I ARRIVED AT THIS BOARD,
20 THINKING ABOUT THE COUNTY JAIL, NEW PURPOSED JAIL. AND THERE
21 WAS A LOT OF INFORMATION THAT WAS GIVEN TO US. AND IT WAS A
22 DIFFERENT BOARD. TWO OF YOU WERE NOT HERE. AND AT THAT TIME,
23 THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THINGS THAT WERE ALREADY PLANNED
24 AND THAT THERE WERE CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL THAT
25 REQUIRED US TO MOVE IN A CERTAIN DIRECTION BECAUSE THERE WERE

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1 PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS. BUT IT'S A NEW BOARD, AS YOU WELL STATED,
2 MADAM CHAIR. AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENT
3 CLIMATE NOW THAT ABOUNDS US IN SACRAMENTO AND IN THE NATION.
4 AND WE HEARD IT YESTERDAY FROM OUR NEW GOVERNOR, AS WELL,
5 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND LOOKING AT HOW WE IMPLEMENT CARE AND
6 DIVERSION AND PROGRAMS AND HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP
7 WHO ARE RELEASED FROM BEING INCARCERATED AND NEEDING MENTAL
8 HEALTH AND WRAP-AROUND SERVICES. I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO
9 EVERYTHING BECAUSE I WILL BE COMING BACK WITH SOMETHING LATER.
10 BUT I WILL SAY THIS THAT I THINK THAT, BECAUSE OF THE
11 LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRES US TO LOOK AT HOW WE TREAT OUR
12 POPULATIONS, PROP 47, PROP 65, AND ALSO WITH OUR OWN REFORMS,
13 A.B.109, WHERE ARE WE REALLY IN TERMS OF PROVIDING THAT
14 LEADERSHIP AND ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE IN OUR COMMUNITIES? WE'VE
15 ALL BEEN POUNDING THE TABLE ON THAT. AND WE WANT RESULTS. AND
16 EVIDENTLY, WE'RE NOT MOVING QUICK ENOUGH. AND I'M REALLY
17 FOCUSED ON TRYING TO SEE HOW WE CAN RAMP THAT UP BECAUSE I,
18 TOO, BELIEVE THAT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES SHOULDN'T BE PROVIDED
19 INSIDE, AS WAS SAID, A CAGE, BUT THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO PROVIDE
20 THE BEST ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE WITH LEADERSHIP AND WITH OUR
21 DEPARTMENTS AND HAVING OUR NEW MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR ENGAGED
22 MORE DIRECTLY. I HAD ASKED THAT QUESTION SEVERAL TIMES IN THE
23 LAST TWO YEARS, IF HE WAS CONSULTED ABOUT WHAT HIS THOUGHTS
24 WERE. NOW I LOOK AT A LETTER THAT HE WROTE BEFORE HE EVEN GOT
25 TO THE BOARD THAT ALL OF YOU HERE HAVE A COPY OF. AND I HAVE

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1 TO ASK MYSELF WHY WERE WE NOT LISTENING? WHY WERE WE NOT BEING
2 MORE THOUGHTFUL? WELL THIS INFORMATION IS NOW BEING PRESENTED
3 TO US IN A DIFFERENT WAY. AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING
4 THAT WE CAN MAKE THE CHANGES THAT WE KNOW THIS BOARD CAN TAKE
5 ON AND HELP PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF THAT OUR
6 CONSTITUENTS DESERVE. AND I REALLY WANT TO SAY THAT FOR WOMEN
7 AND FOR THEIR CHILDREN, IT HAS -- IT REALLY REQUIRES US TO
8 REALLY BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE DOING TO THE LIVES OF SO
9 MANY MILLIONS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE. AND WE
10 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THE DIRECTION. AND I CERTAINLY
11 WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT. AND I WELCOME THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE
12 COME HERE AND FOR MY COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIRST
13 DISTRICT THAT I REPRESENT, THAT I WILL WORK WITH YOU AND TRY
14 TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO SEE THAT WE CAN PROVIDE THOSE KINDS OF
15 DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS AND ESPECIALLY JOBS FOR YOUNG
16 PEOPLE BECAUSE I THINK, YOU GIVE SOMEONE A JOB, AS WAS BEST
17 SAID BY GREG BOYLE, YOU CAN STOP A BULLET WITH A JOB. LET'S DO
18 IT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, YES, I HAD A LONG
21 CONVERSATION WITH DR. SHERIN YESTERDAY. AND YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY
22 RIGHT. HE WAS THINKING ABOUT THIS BEFORE HE CAME HERE. AND NOW
23 THAT HE IS THE HEAD OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, WE
24 OUGHT TO LISTEN TO WHAT WE HAD TO SAY ABOUT SOME OF HIS IDEAS

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1 ON HOW WE MIGHT TREAT PEOPLE DIFFERENTLY. THANK YOU.

2 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, BECAUSE
5 YOUR COMMENTS ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. FOR THOSE IN THE
6 AUDIENCE, THIS HAS SOMETHING THAT THIS BOARD COLLECTIVELY
7 DECIDED THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT. AND BELIEVE ME, REPRESENTING
8 THE FIFTH DISTRICT, THE IRONY IS NOT LOST ON ME THAT USUALLY
9 PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING NOT TO HAVE JAILS IN THEIR DISTRICT. SO
10 DON'T THINK THAT MIRA LOMA COMING TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WAS
11 SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT FULLY DISCUSSED WITH THIS BOARD PRIOR
12 TO THE TWO OF US BEING ON BOARD. AND IN FACT, YOU KNOW, WE,
13 THIS BOARD, MY RECOLLECTION IS ACTUALLY HAD TWO STUDIES DONE,
14 ONE BY A CONSULTANT THAT IS NOT AN EXPERT IN DIVERSION, AND
15 ONE THAT WAS DONE BY AN CONSULTANT EXPERT IN DIVERSION AS IT
16 RELATES TO WHAT THE NEED WOULD BE FOR THIS COUNTRY AS IT
17 RELATES TO REPLACEMENT OF A JAIL. THE MIRA LOMA SETTING, FIRST
18 OF ALL, IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THE CLIMATE IS TOUGH. THERE'S
19 NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. BUT I REMIND PEOPLE, I TAKE A LITTLE
20 OFFENSE TO THE IMPLICATION THERE'S NO RUNNING WATER, NO
21 ELECTRICITY. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. WE
22 DO HAVE SNOW ONCE IN A WHILE. AND THERE ARE SNOW PILES BY
23 PUBLIC WORKS. BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE, THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THE
24 ANTELOPE VALLEY LOVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE UP THERE. I WANT TO
25 SAY THAT BECAUSE I'VE SEEN SOME EMAILS FROM PEOPLE THAT ARE

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1 IMPLYING IT'S BACK WOODS. AND IT'S BY NO MEANS THAT. BUT I'M
2 MORE THAN WILLING TO READDRESS THIS ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO
3 MIRA LOMA. DOWNTOWN, THERE ARE SITES DOWNTOWN. I KNOW IN
4 TALKING TO SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES, THEY'VE SAID LOOK IN MY
5 DISTRICT. WE'LL LOOK EVERYWHERE. I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER.
6 BUT, YOU KNOW, THE SHERIFF VILLANUEVA DOES NEED TO BE
7 INVOLVED. HE IS THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. HE'S
8 CHARGED WITH UPHOLDING THE LAWS, AND ONCE THE SENTENCING IS
9 PASSED DOWN, OF DOING THAT. AND I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT
10 WHAT THE CURRENT SENTENCING THAT'S TAKING PLACE AND THE TIME
11 THAT THEY'RE SERVING IN OUR JAILS IS, POST AND PRE-SENTENCE.
12 AND I KNOW THAT BAIL REFORM WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE PRE-
13 SENTENCING. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO LOOK AT THAT AND
14 TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION. BUT AGAIN, MAKE NO MISTAKE, I'M
15 NOT GOING TO BE HEARTBROKEN IF YOU ALL DECIDE THAT MIRA LOMA
16 IS NOT THE PLACE TO PUT THIS PRISON OR THIS JAIL BY NO MEANS.
17 BUT UNDERSTAND IT WAS DONE LIKE A RECIPE. WE TOOK INTO
18 CONSIDERATION A LOT OF THINGS. SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE MIRA
19 LOMA OFF THE TABLE, WE NEED TO LOOK HOLISTICALLY AT THE ENTIRE
20 JAIL PLAN AND THE IMPACT IT'S GOING TO HAVE, AND LOOK AT
21 DIVERSION, LOOK AT THE IMPACT. I CAN'T REMEMBER IF A.B.109 WAS
22 IN PLAY. I CAN'T REMEMBER IF 47 WAS IN PLAY WHEN THIS WAS
23 LOOKED AT. YOU KNOW, I WAS TRYING TO REMEMBER THAT. I DIDN'T
24 HAVE A CHANCE TO ASK STAFF. BUT I THINK, YOU KNOW, AND I KNOW
25 BAIL REFORM WAS NOT. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT. BUT

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1 UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS JUST FOR THIS
2 BOARD. THIS IS GOING TO BE GENERATIONS DOWN THE ROAD THAT ARE
3 GOING TO BE IMPACTED. AND THESE STUDIES LOOKED AT THE FACT
4 THAT THIS NEEDS TO BE SUSTAINABLE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS BEYOND
5 -- WE WILL ALL LONG BE GONE, GENERATIONS. AND WE SHOULD LOOK
6 AT EDUCATION. WE SHOULD LOOK AT THE FACT THAT -- AND THAT'S
7 WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT AT CHALLENGER. WE'RE RE-PURPOSING
8 CHALLENGER UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. LOOKING AT THE FACT THAT
9 WE HAVE AT RISK YOUTH THAT, IF GIVEN JOBS, WOULD BE BETTER OFF
10 THAN ENDING UP IN OUR PROBATION CAMPS OR IN OUR JAILS. SO
11 THERE'S NO QUESTION THIS BOARD COLLECTIVELY IS FOCUSED ON THE
12 FACT THAT WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER AS IT RELATES TO THOSE
13 INDIVIDUALS THAT DO NOT BELONG LOCKED UP. AND TO THE
14 INDIVIDUALS WHO TALK ABOUT DRUG OFFENSES, YOU KNOW, A.B. --
15 PROP 47, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE TARGETING AS IT RELATES
16 TO THOSE THAT ARE IN OUR PRISONS. MANY OF THEM BELONG IN
17 REHABILITATION, NOT -- BECAUSE OF THEIR DRUG CRIMES, NOT IN
18 OUR JAILS OR IN OUR PRISONS. AND YOU'RE LOSING GENERATIONS AS
19 A RESULT OF THAT. SO THIS BOARD COLLECTIVELY HAS BEEN
20 PROGRESSIVE ON LOOKING AT THAT. BUT I WANT TO CAUTION THIS
21 BOARD, IF WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT TAKING MIRA LOMA OFF THE
22 TABLE -- AND AGAIN, I'M NOT GOING TO ARGUE WITH YOU ON THAT
23 BECAUSE I WOULD LOVE TO FLATTEN IT AND PUT IN AFFORDABLE
24 HOUSING TOMORROW, OKAY, BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE
25 VERY HAPPY TO MOVE UP THERE. BUT UNDERSTAND, IF WE DO THAT,

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1 WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO LOOK AT WHERE WE ARE GOING TO PLACE
2 THAT. IS IT GOING TO BE IN ONE OF OUR SHUTTERED PROBATION
3 CAMPS THAT ARE CLOSING? IS IT GOING TO BE LOOKING AT THE
4 EXISTING FOOTPRINT FOR WHERE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS AND MAYBE
5 RECONFIGURING THAT TO A MEN'S AND WOMEN'S? I DON'T KNOW. BUT I
6 THINK THIS BOARD NEEDS TO DISCUSS THAT AND HAVE A VERY SERIOUS
7 DISCUSSION WITH OUR SHERIFF WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS BECAUSE HE
8 ULTIMATELY, AS THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, IS GOING TO
9 HAVE TO CARRY THE BURDEN OF WHATEVER THIS BOARD DECIDES. BUT I
10 WANTED TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR LETTING THE AUDIENCE
11 KNOW THAT WE HAVE IN FACT COLLECTIVELY AGREED ON THIS. I DO
12 WANT TO THANK THOSE THAT CAME TO SPEAK BECAUSE, THERE'S NO
13 QUESTION, I MEAN, ARTICULATE, ABSOLUTELY, WELL EDUCATED ON
14 THIS ISSUE, DEFINITELY. THE STATS THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN SHOW
15 THAT YOU HAVE DONE YOUR HOMEWORK WORKING WITH U.C.L.A. BUT WE,
16 AS A BOARD, ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE THIS DECISION. IT'S
17 GOING TO COME AT A COST. THAT COST COULD BE LOSING A LARGE
18 GRANT BY THE STATE. AND IF THAT BE THE CASE, I THINK WE HAVE
19 TO HOLD OUR HEADS HIGH AND KNOW THAT WE MADE THE RIGHT
20 DECISION. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, TAKE IT
23 HOME.

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, I SIMPLY WANT TO OFFER THE
2 FOLLOWING. THIS DISCUSSION IS AT LEAST 15 YEARS OLD. WE ARE
3 FOUR GOVERNORS LATER, 10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
4 LATER. WE ARE EFFECTIVELY FOUR COUNTY COUNSELS LATER, THREE --
5 TWO C.E.O.S, ONE C.A.O. LATER. AND WE HAVE YET TO LAND. IT
6 SEEMS TO ME THAT WE ARE TO BE INFORMED BY THE FACT THAT THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS WEIGHED IN AND HAS IMPACTED OUR
8 DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES BECAUSE THEY DECLARED THAT THE JAIL
9 SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PARTICULARLY MEN'S
10 CENTRAL, WAS ALL BUT UNCONSTITUTIONAL, A BLATANT VIOLATION OF
11 THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE INMATES THEREIN. AND AS A CONSEQUENCE,
12 WE WERE OBLIGED, LEGALLY OBLIGED, TO ADDRESS IT. AND IT SEEMS
13 TO ME THAT EACH INSTANCE WE SEEK TO DO SO, WE ADVANCE PROJECT
14 PLAN AFTER PROJECT PLAN AND ULTIMATELY FAIL TO DO WHAT WE HAVE
15 SUGGESTED THAT WE WISH TO DO. IT'S NOT A MALADY OF THE CURRENT
16 BOARD. I DID SAY WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN THIS CONVERSATION
17 FOR AT LEAST 15 YEARS. THAT IS TO SAY EVEN BEFORE I ARRIVED
18 HERE SOME 10 YEARS AGO. I THINK THERE'S A COMPELLING CASE TO
19 BE MADE FOR A THOROUGH, A SUBSTANTIAL, AN INTELLIGENT
20 DISCUSSION OF WHAT IT IS WE WISH TO DO IN THE AREA OF
21 ENLIGHTENED CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
22 ANGELES. AND, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I JUST SIMPLY HOPE
23 THAT WE CAN GET THERE IN AN OPEN, A TRANSPARENT, AN
24 ACCOUNTABLE WAY. BUT THE STATUS QUO IS FUNDAMENTALLY
25 UNACCEPTABLE. I REPEAT. THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF

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1 INDIVIDUALS ARE AT STAKE AS THEY ARE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED,
2 THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS. IT MAY BE EASY ENOUGH
3 TO SAY THAT WE SHOULDN'T HAVE THE CURRENT KIND OF JAIL SYSTEM
4 THAT WE DO. THE QUESTION IS WHAT, THEN, ARE WE PREPARED TO
5 CONSTRUCT. AND HOW CAN WE DEFEND IT? HOW CAN WE AFFORD IT? IT
6 SEEMS TO ME THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS BEFORE US. IT IS 15 YEARS
7 LATER, AND IT'S HIGH TIME THAT WE MADE SOME DECISIONS THAT WE
8 CAN FOLLOW THROUGH ON. MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL GET THERE. I
11 HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS BOARD WILL GET TO SOME DECISIONS THAT
12 WILL BE IMPORTANT AND BENEFICIAL TO ALL THE RESIDENTS OF LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY. IT IS NOW APPROPRIATE THAT WE HEAR
14 ADJOURNMENTS. AND WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND
15 THEN WE WILL GO TO THE FIRST, THE SECOND, THIRD, AND THE
16 FOURTH.

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
19 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF VINCENT MATTHEW ARY, JR.,
20 A RESIDENT OF SAN MARINO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 19.
21 MATTHEW GRADUATED FROM SAN MARINO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2017. HE
22 PLAYED FOOTBALL AT SAN MARINO AND WAS PART OF A TEAM THAT WON
23 THE RIO HONDO LEAGUE AND C.I.F. CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2015. HE WAS
24 AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE BOY SCOUT TROOP OF 355 EARNING THE
25 RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT. HE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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1 WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SIGMA ALPHA MU FRATERNITY AND WAS
2 A SOPHOMORE AT THE ELLER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. MATTHEW WAS
3 MAJORING IN BUSINESS. HE WAS A LEADER, VALUED HIS FAMILY,
4 FRIENDS, AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS HE WORKED SO HARD TO ACHIEVE.
5 HE LOVED SNOWBOARDING AND GOING TO THE BEACH. HE'S SURVIVED BY
6 HIS FAMILY, HIS PARENTS, VINCENT AND CYNTHIA, HIS BROTHER,
7 THOMAS, SISTERS, MARY JANE AND BEDINA ARY OSBOURNE, AND
8 GRANDMOTHER, MARY JANE BOGGS. ALSO CHRIS BURROUS, A RESIDENT
9 OF PORTER RANCH AND K.T.L.A. NEWS ANCHOR, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
10 THE AGE OF 43. YEAH, HE GRADUATED FROM CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY WITH
11 A DEGREE IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM AND BEGAN WORKING AT
12 K.C.X.X.-F.M. IN SAN BERNADINO. CHRIS WORKED THROUGHOUT THE
13 COUNTRY, WORKING IN NEW YORK AND SACRAMENTO BEFORE ENDING UP
14 IN LOS ANGELES. HE HELPED EXTEND THE K.T.L. MORNING NEWS --
15 K.T.L.A. MORNING NEWS TO 7 DAYS A WEEK AND BEGAN THE BURROUS'
16 BITES SEGMENT WHICH HIGHLIGHTED DIFFERENT EATERIES THROUGHOUT
17 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MANY OF WHICH WERE IN ALL OF OUR
18 DISTRICTS, BUT I KNOW IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. REALLY HOLE IN
19 THE WALLS THAT YOU WOULD NEVER EVEN KNOW WERE THERE THAT, ONCE
20 YOU FOUND OUT THEY WERE THERE, YOU WERE WONDERING HOW YOU
21 MISSED IT. HE WAS VERY, VERY HUMOROUS AND HAD AN INCREDIBLE
22 CAMARADERIE WITH HIS FAMILY AT K.T.L.A. BUT ALSO HAD A TRUE
23 LOVE FOR HIS WIFE, MAI, AND THEIR DAUGHTER, ISABELLA, AND
24 OFTEN BROUGHT THEM INTO CONVERSATIONS WHEN HE WAS ANCHORING
25 THE NEWS ON THE WEEKENDS. HE IS, AS I SAID, SURVIVED BY HIS

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1 WIFE, MAI, AND THEIR DAUGHTER, ISABELLA, AS WELL AS HIS FAMILY
2 AND HER FAMILY AND MANY, MANY VIEWERS WHO CONSIDERED HIM PART
3 OF THEIR FAMILY.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'LL HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE.

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BRIAN
8 GARFIELD, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
9 THE AGE OF 79. HE WAS AN AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR. HE PROUDLY
10 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND THE ARMY RESERVES. HE
11 PUBLISHED HIS FIRST BOOK AT THE AGE OF 18 AND WENT ON TO
12 AUTHOR MORE THAN 70 BOOKS. "DEATH WISH," ONE OF HIS BEST KNOWN
13 WORKS, WAS ADAPTED INTO A MOTION PICTURE THAT ORIGINALLY
14 STARRED CHARLES BRONSON AND, MOST RECENTLY, BRUCE WILLIS.
15 BRIAN WAS A TALENTED ARTIST THAT FOUND SUCCESS AS AN AUTHOR AS
16 WELL AS A MUSICIAN. HE TOURED WITH THE PALISADES IN THE 1950S,
17 A GROUP THAT HAD THE TOP 40 HIT "I CAN'T QUIT." BRIAN IS
18 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
19 GERALD MCCARTY, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF VALENCIA, WHO PASSED
20 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 57. JERRY, AS HE WAS KNOWN TO FAMILY AND
21 FRIENDS, SPENT 35 YEARS IN SALES AND FINANCE. MOST RECENTLY,
22 HE WAS FINANCE MANAGER FOR MURATA MACHINERY, U.S.A. HE ALSO
23 SERVED AS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT WOODBURY UNIVERSITY, WHERE
24 HE RECEIVED HIS M.B.A. THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE AND
25 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HONORED JERRY FOR HIS CHARITABLE

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1 WORK SUCH AS SUPPORTING THE LOS ANGELES MISSION AND DESIGNING
2 A PROGRAM TO TRAIN STUDENTS TO USE MACHINE TOOLS. D.J. JERRY
3 EMCEED SCHOOL AND CHARITY EVENTS. JERRY IS SURVIVED BY HIS
4 WIFE, THAT THEIR TWO CHILDREN, HIS MOTHER, AND SIX BROTHERS.
5 AND I BELIEVE YOU'RE GOING TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA?
6 OKAY. THAT'S MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. FIRST DISTRICT.

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE ONE ENTRY. I MOVE
11 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAVID CZAMANSKE. HE WAS AN
12 ACTIVIST FROM PASADENA, BUT I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR, I WOULD SAY,
13 THE LAST 25 YEARS. AND I MET HIM MANY YEARS AGO THROUGH THE
14 SIERRA CLUB AND HIS WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES. BUT
15 MOST RECENTLY, HE SERVED AS A CONSULTANT FOR THE A.Q.M.D. FOR
16 COUNCILMEMBER, MICHAEL CACCIOTTI FROM SOUTH PASADENA. IT IS
17 WITH HEAVY HEART THAT WE SEE THE LOSS OF THIS MAN WHO SPENT SO
18 MUCH TIME WORKING ON ISSUES TO PRESERVE AND CONSERVE OPEN
19 SPACE, INCLUDING THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT.
20 VERY PASSIONATE AT HIKING AND CONSERVING THE SURROUNDING AREAS
21 IN THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST. HE'S GOING TO BE DEEPLY MISSED
22 BY SO MANY PEOPLE. AND I JUST WANTED TO COMMEND HIS WORK, THAT
23 WE NEED MORE PEOPLE LIKE DAVID. THANK YOU.

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25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, PLEASE JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING
3 IN MEMORY OF DENISE HARLINS, WHO PASSED ON DECEMBER THE 25TH
4 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, EMPLOYED AS A SECRETARY WITH THE
5 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BEFORE SHE BECAME AN ANTI-
6 VIOLENCE ACTIVIST. SHE CO-FOUNDED THE LATASHA HARLINS JUSTICE
7 COMMITTEE. THE REST IS ESSENTIALLY HISTORY. BUT WE DID WANT TO
8 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PASSING OF DENISE
9 HARLINS. SECONDLY, MADAM CHAIR IF YOU WOULD PERMIT, FRANK
10 GARNETT, A LEGENDARY LOCAL BASEBALL COACH. HE HAILED FROM NEW
11 ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, GRADUATED FROM GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY.
12 AND I MET COACH GARNETT WHEN I WAS A STUDENT AT MANUAL ARTS
13 HIGH SCHOOL. AND HE KEPT PUSHING FORWARD, AS A COACH THERE WON
14 SEVERAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND MOVED FROM MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL,
15 AND LATER BECAME THE BASEBALL COACH AND MORE AT SOUTHWEST
16 COMMUNITY COLLEGE. ONE OF OUR RECREATIONAL CENTERS WAS NAMED
17 IN HIS HONOR BY THE LOS ANGELES CITY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
18 AND PARKS. THEY NAMED A FIELD AT ONE OF THE LOCAL PARKS AFTER
19 HIM BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT THAT HE HAD ON THE LIVES OF SO MANY
20 YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. SO WE TAKE THIS MOMENT TO
21 PAUSE IN MEMORY OF THE INIMITABLE FRANK GARNETT. IF YOU MET
22 HIM, YOU'D NEVER FORGET HIM. AND WE JUST SIMPLY OFFER OUR
23 CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND SAY MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

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25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
3 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA YAROSLAVSKY.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK WE WILL HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON.

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** I HAVE NO DOUBT. THERE'S JUST NOT ENOUGH TIME TO
8 TALK ABOUT ALL THE THINGS THAT BARBARA DID AND ALL THE THINGS
9 THAT SHE REPRESENTED AND MEANT TO EACH OF US UP HERE AND TO
10 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. WE KNOW, OF COURSE, SHE
11 WAS THE WIFE OF OUR FORMER COLLEAGUE, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, AND
12 DEEPLY SHARED HIS COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE. BUT SHE
13 WENT WAY BEYOND THAT. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY,
14 AN ENDURING CHAMPION FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, WORKED WITH
15 COUNTLESS NONPROFITS AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES AND FOR
16 CAUSES SUCH AS CHILDREN'S LITERACY AND THE OVER-PRESCRIPTION
17 OF MEDICATION TO OUR CHILDREN. SHE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE L.A.
18 COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES. SHE WAS ON THE
19 BOARDS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE SABAN COMMUNITY CLINIC, THE
20 JEWISH FEDERATION, AND THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA.
21 THROUGH HER WORK WITH THE ZIMMER MUSEUM'S YOUTHINK PROJECT,
22 SHE BROUGHT A NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTS EDUCATION TO
23 CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS STATEWIDE. BUT, REALLY SO MUCH MORE. ZEV
24 WAS SAYING THE OTHER NIGHT THAT, AS THEY WENT THROUGH SO MANY
25 THINGS THAT SHE HAD DONE, HE FOUND THAT THERE WAS NEVER A

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1 LETTER ASKING FOR A DONATION FROM ANYONE OR ANYTHING THAT SHE
2 DIDN'T SEND AT LEAST \$18 TO. A HUGE HEART, AND, OF COURSE, AS
3 WE KNOW, A GRANDMOTHER AND MOTHER AND JUST DAYS AFTER SHE
4 PASSED AWAY HER SON, DAVE, WAS APPOINTED TO THE BENCH IN L.A.
5 COUNTY. AND WE KNOW THAT SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN AND PROBABLY IS
6 VERY PROUD. SO SHE'S SURVIVED BY ZEV AND -- HER HUSBAND, ZEV,
7 AND HER CHILDREN, DAVE AND MINA, HER BROTHER, JOHN, AND SO
8 MANY EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. IT'S
9 A GREAT LOSS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VALERIE FIELDS, WHO WAS AN L.A. UNIFIED
11 SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AND LONG TIME MAYORAL STAFFER.
12 SHE WAS ON TOM BRADLEY'S STAFF. A FIXTURE IN THE SAN FERNANDO
13 VALLEY, VOLUNTEERED FOR MANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS BEFORE SHE
14 JOINED TOM'S STAFF. SHE SERVED UNDER HIM FOR 20 YEARS AS A
15 LIAISON FOR ARTS EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND TO BOTH
16 THE JEWISH AND THE MUSLIM COMMUNITIES. AFTER LEAVING CITY
17 HALL, SHE WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL
18 DISTRICT WHERE SHE LED THE EFFORT TO RESTORE ARTS EDUCATION IN
19 PUBLIC SCHOOLS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JUDGE JERRY
20 FIELDS, HER CHILDREN, JILL, WILLIAM, LINDA, AND JANA, HER
21 THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND I MOVE
22 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERTA
23 WEINTRAUB, WHO DIED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY. AN EDUCATION ACTIVIST,
24 SERVED ON THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD WHERE SHE WAS KNOWN AS
25 A COALITION BUILDER. SHE WAS PRESIDENT FOUR TIMES IN HER 14

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1 YEARS OF SERVICE. SHE FOUNDED THE POLICE ACADEMY MAGNET SCHOOL
2 PROGRAM, WHICH GIVES YOUNG PEOPLE A HEAD START TOWARD CAREERS
3 IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND NOW COMPRISES NINE SEPARATE CAMPUSES.
4 SHE ALSO CHAMPIONED STUDENT HEALTH, HAVING HELPED BRING
5 CONTRACEPTIVE CARE TO SCHOOLS AND TO CREATE THE STUDENTS RUN
6 L.A. PROGRAM. HER TV PROGRAM, "SCHOOL BEAT," WON AN EMMY
7 AWARD. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, IRA KRINSKY, HER SON,
8 RICHARD, AND HER STEPSON, BRIAN KRINSKY. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN
9 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BOB EINSTEIN, WHO
10 DIED ON JANUARY 2ND. HE WAS A COMEDIAN KNOWN FOR PLAYING THE
11 HAPLESS DAREDEVIL SUPER DAVE OSBORNE AND MARTY FUNKHOUSER ON
12 "CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM." HE WROTE FOR "THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS
13 COMEDY HOUR" AND "VAN DYKE AND COMPANY," BOTH OF WHICH WON HIM
14 EMMY AWARDS. HIS FIRST APPEARANCE AS SUPER DAVE WAS ON "THE
15 JOHN BYNER COMEDY HOUR." AND HE REPRISED THE CHARACTER IN
16 MULTIPLE SPECIALS AND FREQUENT APPEARANCES ON LATE NIGHT TALK
17 SHOWS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ROBERTA, HIS DAUGHTER, ERIN,
18 AND HIS BROTHERS, ALBERT AND CLIFF. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
19 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SIDNEY LAZAR, A
20 MUSICIAN WHO DIED ACTUALLY ON NOVEMBER 3RD. HE PLAYED TRUMPET
21 WITH MANY OF THE COUNTRY'S LEADING CONDUCTORS AND ORCHESTRAS,
22 PLAYED FIRST TRUMPET WITH THE L.A. PHIL AND THE GLENDALE
23 SYMPHONY. HE RECORDED SOLOS WITH IGOR STRAVINSKY AND
24 CONTRIBUTED TO MANY FILMS. YOU CAN HEAR HIS SOLO WORK IN THE
25 MUSIC IN THE FILM "HIGH NOON," WHICH RECEIVED AN ACADEMY AWARD

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1 FOR ITS MUSIC, AND "THE GODFATHER I" AND "II." AFTER RETIRING
2 FROM PLAYING MUSIC PROFESSIONALLY, HE WORKED AS AN ENGLISH
3 TEACHER. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ELOISE, AND DAUGHTERS,
4 MEGAN, ANDREA, AND NANCY. FINALLY, I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN
5 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK WILLIAM "BILL" FERGUSON,
6 II. BILL PRACTICED CIVIL TRANSACTIONAL, AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW,
7 LEVERAGED HIS LEADERSHIP TALENT TOWARD MANY SUCCESSFUL
8 BUSINESS PURSUITS, INCLUDING A LOCATION SCOUTING FIRM AND A
9 BEVERAGE COMPANY. HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT FLAGLER
10 COLLEGE, WHERE HE PLAYED RUGBY, AND HIS LAW DEGREE FROM THE
11 UNIVERSITY OF LAVERNE COLLEGE OF LAW. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
12 WIFE, MARIA, HIS SON, BEAU, HIS DAUGHTERS, ARIELLE SARAH AND
13 RYAN CECILIA, HIS BROTHER, RICK, HIS MOTHER, JEAN, AND HIS
14 FATHER, FRANK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE LOST A LOT OF PEOPLE OVER --
17 IN DECEMBER. AND ONE WE LOST WAS NANCY PAULIKAS. AND I ASK
18 THAT WE ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY TODAY. NANCY GREW UP IN PALOS
19 VERDES WITH HER PARENTS, GEORGE AND JOAN. AND AFTER GRADUATING
20 FROM PALOS VERDES HIGH SCHOOL, SHE ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF
21 CALIFORNIA DAVIS WHERE SHE MAJORED IN MATH AND COMPUTER
22 SCIENCE. SHE LATER EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN COMPUTER
23 SCIENCE FROM U.C.L.A. NANCY WORKED FOR T.R.W./NORTHROP GRUMMAN
24 AS A SOFTWARE ENGINEER FOR 10 YEARS AND THEN WENT ON TO WORK
25 FOR I.T.G., A FINANCIAL SERVICES FIRM, WHERE SHE HELPED THE

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1 COMPANY GROW FROM 20 TO 200 EMPLOYEES. DURING HER TIME AT
2 T.R.W., SHE MET HER HUSBAND, KIRK. THEY MARRIED IN 2002 AND
3 LIVED IN MANHATTAN BEACH. THE TWO DECIDED TO RETIRE EARLY AND
4 TRAVEL THE WORLD. KIRK DESCRIBES HER AS THE SOUL- MATE THAT HE
5 NEVER IMAGINED BEING LUCKY ENOUGH TO FIND. SHE WAS A CERTIFIED
6 PILOT, AN AVID READER, AN ANIMAL LOVER, A SKIER, AND A
7 BACKPACKER. UNFORTUNATELY, IN OCTOBER OF 2015, NANCY WAS
8 DIAGNOSED WITH EARLY ONSET ALZHEIMER'S. AND WITHIN THE NEXT
9 YEAR, SHE BEGAN EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY SPEAKING AND
10 UNDERSTANDING. ON OCTOBER 15TH, 2016, YOU HEARD ME TALK ABOUT
11 HOW NANCY WANDERED AWAY FROM HER FAMILY DURING A TRIP TO THE
12 L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART. AND THAT WAS THE LAST TIME HER
13 FAMILY EVER SAW HER. OVER TWO YEARS SINCE HER DISAPPEARANCE,
14 SOME OF HER FAMILY NEVER STOPPED LOOKING FOR HER. AND
15 UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OF HER REMAINS WERE FOUND IN A SHERMAN
16 OAKS PARK. AND THE COUNTY CORONER WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY HER.
17 AND THEY HAVE LISTED HER DATE OF DEATH AS MARCH 11TH, 2017.
18 THE BRIGHT SILVER LINING OF THIS STORY IS THAT NANCY WAS THE
19 INSPIRATION FOR THE CREATION OF L.A. FOUND. AND WITH THE HELP
20 OF HER HUSBAND, KIRK, A TASK FORCE COMPRISED OF MANY OF OUR
21 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, WE MAY BE ABLE TO PREVENT
22 THIS TRAGEDY FROM HAPPENING TO OTHERS WITH THE USE OF A
23 TRACKABLE BRACELET. AND WE WERE UNABLE TO SAVE NANCY, BUT
24 THANKS TO HER AND THE BRAVERY OF HER FAMILY, I REALLY BELIEVE
25 THAT WE'RE GOING TO REUNITE MANY FAMILIES WHO HAVE SOMEONE WHO

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1 HAS GONE WANDERING. SO WE THANK KIRK AND HIS BRAVERY FOR THESE
2 LAST TWO YEARS. NANCY IS SURVIVED BY KIRK, HER HUSBAND, AND
3 HER PARENTS, GEORGE AND JOAN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
4 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DAVE ARIAN, WHO PASSED AWAY
5 AT THE AGE OF 72. DAVE WAS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO.
6 HE WAS ONLY 18 YEARS OLD AND STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL WHEN HE
7 BEGAN WORKING AT BERTH 160 AT THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES IN
8 WILMINGTON. AND OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DECADES, DAVE FOUGHT FOR
9 THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR PORTS. HE WAS
10 ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF I.L.W.U. INTERNATIONAL IN 1991 AND
11 SERVED AS AN OFFICER FOR I.L.W.U.'S LOCAL 13, INCLUDING
12 SEVERAL YEARS AS PRESIDENT. IN 1993, DAVE FOUNDED THE HARRY
13 BRIDGES INSTITUTE AS AN EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVOR TO PRESERVE THE
14 I.L.W.U.'S LEGACY. DAVE REFERRED TO HARRY BRIDGES AS A
15 VISIONARY, NOTING THAT THE CONTRACT HE SIGNED WOULD ENSURE AS
16 MANY JOBS AS POSSIBLE WOULD REMAIN ON THE DOCKS EVEN AS
17 TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZED THE PORT. IN 2009, DAVE PUBLISHED A BOOK
18 ABOUT THE UNION ENTITLED "THE RIGHT TO GET IN THE FIGHT." AND
19 THE BOOK FOCUSED ON THE UNION'S PHILOSOPHIES AND POLITICAL
20 CULTURE. DAVE WAS APPOINTED TO THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF HARBOR
21 COMMISSIONERS IN 2010 WHERE HE PLAYED AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN
22 KEEPING THE BOARD FOCUSED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PORT'S
23 PRIMARY MISSION, MOVING GOODS. AND DURING HIS TENURE ON THE
24 BOARD, THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES BROKE ALL-TIME CARGO VOLUME
25 RECORDS WHILE REDUCING AIR EMISSIONS, WHICH WERE THE TWO GOALS

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1 THAT DAVE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT. DAVE LED A REMARKABLE LIFE
2 FULL OF LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY, HIS UNION, SOCIAL JUSTICE. HE
3 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A DEDICATED FATHER, A GRANDFATHER, AND A
4 FRIEND. YESTERDAY'S DOCKWORKERS THANKED HARRY BRIDGES. AND
5 TODAY'S DOCKWORKERS WILL THANK DAVE ARIAN. HE WAS A DEAR
6 FRIEND TO ME. AND HE WILL BE MISSED BY SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE
7 -- NOT JUST THE HARBOR AREA BUT, REALLY, OUR ENTIRE COUNTRY.
8 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, LARAINÉ, HIS CHILDREN, SEAN AND
9 JUSTINE, HIS SONS-IN-LAW, COUNCILMEMBER MIKE BONIN AND ETHAN
10 EDWARDS, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD
11 LIKE TO JOIN IN ON THAT. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
12 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JEAN BOSWELL, WHO PASSED
13 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. JEAN WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF PALOS
14 VERDES AND A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE PALOS VERDES ARTS
15 ASSOCIATION. SHE AND HER HUSBAND, CLAY, WERE MARRIED IN 1945.
16 AND TOGETHER, THEY HAD TWO DAUGHTERS. JEAN WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED
17 ARTIST AND INTERIOR DESIGNER. HER RED HAIR, HER SWEET SMILE,
18 AND HER SENSE OF HUMOR ARE WHAT HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY WILL
19 REMEMBER MOST. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, MARY AND
20 ALLISON, HER STEPSON, GREG, AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO
21 MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BRYCE
22 TURNER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 19. HE WAS RAISED
23 IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. HE WAS A STUDENT ATHLETE AT ST. JOHN
24 BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL AND LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE. IN 2017, BRYCE
25 TRANSFERRED TO U.C. BERKELEY ON A FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP AND

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1 PLAYED AS THEIR DEFENSIVE BACK. BRYCE SUDDENLY PASSED AWAY
2 AFTER BEING HOSPITALIZED FOR A MEDICAL EMERGENCY DURING A NON-
3 TEAM WORKOUT WHILE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS. BRYCE WAS A YOUNG
4 MAN WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE AND VALUED MEMBER OF THE FOOTBALL
5 TEAM AND THE CAL FAMILY. HIS LIFE WAS SURELY TAKEN FAR TOO
6 SOON, AND HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE
7 ADJOURN TODAY, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF AMOS WILLIAMS,
8 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. BORN IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
9 AMOS MARRIED HIS HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART, JULIETTA CURRY, IN
10 1956. AND TOGETHER, THEY MOVED AND SETTLED IN LOS ANGELES
11 WHERE THEY RAISED TWO SONS, RONALD AND GREGORY, AND DAUGHTER,
12 CYNTHIA. AMOS EVENTUALLY MOVED HIS FAMILY TO CERRITOS, WHERE
13 THEY BECAME ACTIVE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. HE'S SURVIVED BY
14 HIS WIFE, JULIETTA, AND HIS THREE CHILDREN. I BELIEVE THAT IS
15 ALL OF OUR ADJOURNMENTS. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO DO TODAY?
16 OKAY. SO MOVED AND SECONDED. WE WILL ADJOURN THIS MEETING. OR
17 MOVED AND SECONDED FOR THE ADJOURNMENTS. AND NOW, WE WILL
18 ADJOURN THE MEETING. WITHOUT OBJECTION. [GAVEL.]

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